

Job Title: RISE Intern: Village Engage at Mill Village Ministries

Internship Description

This internship is part of the Riley Institute Summer Experience (RISE). RISE interns will work with an organization for 10 weeks over the summer to increase the organization's capacity for community impact work, helping them address critical public issues. Additionally, RISE interns will meet weekly on Furman's campus to work on internship goals and learn about various career paths related to community impact and/or public policy work.

Village Engage is an enterprise at Mill Village Ministries that works to activate the power of communities working together to build a more just and compassionate Greenville. They offer transformative education, pathways to engagement, and opportunities for purposeful action. In 2025, they provided educational small-groups and community programs for over 1,200 people with 77% committing to actions that address structural causes of injustice.

The RISE internship with Village Engage is an opportunity for a curious student with a passion for faith-based social justice to work closely with an engaged staff to understand the structural causes of poverty, racism, gun violence and other current issues.

During the internship experience, the intern will:

- Participate in organizational meetings and quarterly advisory meetings
- Shadow staff during community convenings to observe best practices, barriers and challenges in real time
- Contribute to the research, design and implementation of programs
- Assist with small group facilitation, community outreach events and educational programs
- Assist with interviews, story collection and surveys to assess impact and to inform program planning
- Contribute to grant writing and/or reporting efforts

Expected learning outcomes & professional skills: The intern will gain a deep understanding of the structural causes of poverty, racism, gun violence and other current issues. They will also gain experience with small group facilitation, and with the planning and implementation of community outreach/educational programming.

Work setting: Most work will take place at the Village Engage administrative building in the West Greenville area. However, once onboarding and training are complete, the intern's work hours may include a mix of remote and in-person work.

Training and support: The intern will have a site supervisor and mentor: Alecia Brewster, Village Engage Program Director. They will participate in regular check-ins to discuss progress and

learning outcomes. The intern will participate in a multi-day orientation and training at the start of the internship to become familiar with Village Engage and their umbrella organization, Mill Village Ministries. The orientation will provide an understanding of the overall Mill Village mission and the West Greenville community where they are located. The intern will be expected to review the Village Engage website and to participate in a JustFaith small group facilitator training program.

This is a full-time (35 hrs/wk) internship, spanning 10 weeks during the summer (June 8 – August 14). Supervisors may grant up to 5 days off, in addition to any summer holidays observed by the organization.

Students hired for a RISE internship should apply for funding, transcript credit, and discounted campus housing through Furman’s internship office *by March 31, 2026*. In addition to the stipend received from the internship office, the Riley Institute will cover the cost of campus housing for students living on-campus.

To learn more about the RISE internship program, visit <https://www.furman.edu/riley/students/students/rise/>.

To learn more about Village Engage, visit <https://www.villageengage.com/>.

Eligibility

Applicant Type: Greenville Area Applicants

Class Level: Any

Position Information

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Employer Name: The Riley Institute at Furman University

Organization Description

The Riley Institute empowers emerging and established leaders—across sectors and throughout society—with the knowledge and tools to advance equity and drive social and economic progress in South Carolina and beyond. We work to strengthen public education; promote the power of diversity to help teams, organizations, and communities thrive; and elevate informed, evidence-based approaches to critical public issues. In all it does, the institute is committed to nonpartisanship and a bias-free path to change.

No. of Openings: 1

Wage/Salary: Eligible to apply for \$3,500 funding through Furman’s internship office

Qualifications:

Village Engage is seeking a highly collaborative intern who celebrates the diversity of our community. The intern should be creative and comfortable expressing ideas. They should also be comfortable communicating in a small group setting and building new relationships with community members with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Application Instructions

Here is how to apply: To apply for this position, please complete the online application linked below. You will be asked to upload a resume and answer a few questions (250 words max per question). You will also need to provide the names of two references (faculty or staff on campus preferred). You may apply for up to two RISE internships with a single application. If you do so, please make sure that you have thoroughly read the job description for each internship you apply for. Please email Kendall Gallagher-King with questions:

kendall.gallagher@furman.edu.

Applications are due no later than Sunday, February 8, 2026. The Riley Institute will follow up with successful applicants via email to schedule an interview.

Apply here: <https://www.furman.edu/riley/students/students/rise/>

Contact Information

Share Contact Information: Yes

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Posting Information

Location: Greenville, SC, USA

Internship Available In? FT Summer

Days/Hours of Duration: 10 weeks, June to August

Internship Category: Riley; Community Services/Non-profits; Economic/Business Development; Poverty-Service

Industry: Community Services/Non-profits; Event Planning; Economic Development; Education