

## **Job Title: RISE Intern: YouthBASE**

### **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.

YouthBASE – a 501(c)3 nonprofit located in Greenville, SC – is a unique educational intervention program offered after school and during the summer for at-risk children. Its mission is to equip children in K5 through 2nd grade with Behavioral, Academic, Social and Emotional competencies so they may succeed at school, home, and in the community. This year-round program is offered free to families of children who are referred by their school teachers because they are performing significantly below grade level. YouthBASE envisions a community where all children succeed. They define success as children being grade-level proficient by 3rd grade and demonstrating age-appropriate behavioral and social skills, and their families engaging in fostering the child's healthy development.

The RISE intern at YouthBASE will participate in implementing daily academic instruction for children in grades K-5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and will assist students in reading, writing, and math. There will be opportunities to assist in planning both academic and social-emotional skill-building activities and working with students one-on-one and in small groups. Interns are encouraged to lend their own skills, talents, and interests to develop or plan enrichment activities and will learn how to implement lesson plans.

This internship includes working directly with children in grades K-5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade each day from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The RISE intern at YouthBASE can expect to provide academic support during that time, as well as general supervision and related tasks, including serving snacks and meals and doing some light cleaning, such as wiping down tables and sweeping after meals.

The intern will participate in Monday afternoon staff meetings from 2-3pm. Remaining afternoon hours will be spent working on an independent project – creating a resource guide for YouthBASE families. This will include conducting research and speaking with individuals at various organizations to collect information about a variety of services, including healthcare, food, other educational programs, etc. Resources should be organized into a database and a one-pager/graphic for YouthBASE families.

*Expected learning outcomes & professional skills:* Through this internship, the intern will gain skills and experience related to:

- Program planning and implementation, specifically for children in an out-of-school time setting

- Working with children and families from diverse cultural backgrounds and under-resourced communities with a trauma-aware approach
- Understanding impact of systems of change
- Working as part of a dynamic team with an emphasis on having a growth mindset and continuous improvement
- Research related to community resources and organization of resources into concise, understandable resource guides

*Work setting:* The internship will primarily consist of in-person work with students at YouthBASE’s location in Greenville. Independent project work may take place remotely during the program’s “break weeks.” The intern is responsible for their transportation to and from the internship site.

*Training and support:* YouthBASE will provide orientation for the intern at the start of the internship. **The intern would have one pre-internship training meeting, to take place the week prior to the start of the internship.** YouthBASE offers mentoring and supportive supervision throughout the internship, including weekly meetings on Monday afternoon for all YouthBASE interns and staff members. The intern will have a site supervisor and mentor: Syanya Valdovinos, YouthBASE site director.

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. **YouthBASE asks that the 5 days off occur within the two program “break weeks” – the weeks of June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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 YouthBASE, visit <https://youthbase.org/>.*

## **Eligibility**

**Applicant Type:** Greenville Area Applicants

**Class Level:** Any

## **Position Information**

**Title:** RISE Intern: YouthBASE

**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:**

- Previous experience working with kids is required
- High level of interest in education and working directly with children
- Interest and/or experience working in non-profit organizations
- Experience with and understanding of diverse populations is preferred
- Ability to take initiative and problem-solve, both when working with the kids and with independent project work
- Strong project management skills; Ability to work independently and self-pace when working on long-range projects
- Experience with Excel spreadsheets and Canva or other graphic design software is preferred
- A willingness to reach out to individuals and organizations to gain information, including email, phone, and in-person communication
- Must have reliable transportation and be able to work on a consistent basis. Consistency and reliability are essential for this position.
- Bilingual in Spanish preferred, but not required

### **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). Please email Kendall Gallagher-King with questions: [kendall.gallagher@furman.edu](mailto:kendall.gallagher@furman.edu).

*Applications for this position are due no later than Monday, March 16, 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

**Industry:** Community Services/Non-profits; Education