

## 2026 SECU Public Fellows Internship Sites and Project Descriptions

### **Metro YMCA Greensboro Teen Programs**

Teen Summer Camp Leaders are responsible for supervising and engaging with campers while leading educational, cultural, and recreational activities for teens. In addition, every position at the YMCA of Greensboro is responsible for carrying out our promise to strengthen the foundations of community through a focus on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility, while upholding our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

### **Peacehaven Farm**

The Summer Programs and Farm Assistant will work with the Director of Programs, the Lead Educator and the Director of Agriculture to carry out the mission of Peacehaven. For the first portion of the internship, the Assistant will support the Lead Educator of Programs with executing Peacehaven's education program RISE. RISE (Reaching Interdependence, Skills, and Employment) is a job skills training & professional development program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who wish to gain employment. At times, the Assistant may work with adults with disabilities during our SHINE program which includes daily activities such as art, games, community outings, etc. For a portion of the internship, the Assistant will directly assist the Director of Agriculture and the farm assistant with daily Farm/Garden activities such as planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, packaging, etc. Finally, the Summer Programs and Farm Assistant will also work with the Community Engagement Coordinator organizing volunteer opportunities during the summer months. The intended benefits of this internship is to assist Peacehaven which is located in rural Guilford County, in providing opportunities for engagement among people of all abilities to learn and grow together.

### **BackPack Beginnings**

This intern would work on developing a "Better Community Experience" in our Family Market. This would be done by assessing the needs of the local community that shops in our dignity of choice market, creating a system to teach the guests how to make their own appointments online and identify practical ways for the underserved to receive a better experience through the program.

## **Hope Academy GSO**

Hope Academy GSO is seeking a summer intern to support the Summer Academic Intervention Program (Summer Bridge) for Rising 1st Grade - Rising 9th Grade students. Interns will work with students one-on-one or in small groups on a variety of reading and math activities to target academic skill deficits. The special education teacher will supervise the groups, provide resources, and navigate training in the summer intervention curriculum and progress monitoring. This is a great opportunity to gain skills in education, child intellectual development, mentorship, and collaboration while also contributing to student growth and advancement. This individualized assistance will serve Hope Academy students who require continued instruction in reading and math to continue momentum from the school year. This is the third year we will host summer learning on campus. Hope Academy has run multiple data reports indicating that the average Summer Bridge student experiences significant growth in standardized math and reading tests.

## **Guilford County Guardian ad Litem Program**

Interns will support the work of the organization by engaging directly with child clients in their home environments and assisting with case-related preparation. Responsibilities may include reviewing reports prepared for court submission, observing abuse, neglect, and dependency court proceedings, and supporting internal operations such as updating and maintaining the volunteer database, including tracking key milestones like Guardian ad Litem oath anniversaries. This internship offers a valuable opportunity to gain firsthand exposure to child advocacy work and the court system while contributing to meaningful, mission-driven efforts.

## **Beyond Sports NC**

Our Intern will build relationships with the youth in our clinics while working with coaches and volunteers to provide a positive sports experience. They will also assist with all summer programming. Taking photos, assisting with marketing/promotions, social media and partnering with other organizations to develop opportunities to create community impact. We are a small organization, and but have our hands in many different things, so there will not be a shortage of opportunity to learn in many different ways. We are flexible in our projects based off of what an intern is interested in....fundraising, equipment, etc.

Potential projects:

Making video library of games, drills, etc.

Creating practice plan for new sports

Creating Evaluation Feedback form

## **Reading Connections**

Projects are built around intern goals and desire for skills/experience building. Some project might include engaging with children and parents, building curriculum or classroom materials/activities, assisting with instructor and volunteer training materials, assisting with planning for the next year of programming, family recruitment efforts, and more. In the initial meeting/interview with a potential intern, we will discuss strengths, goals, and skills/experiences they want to build. After matching, we will provide 3-5 possible projects and ask the intern to choose 2 as their focus.

## **UNCG Center for New North Carolinians**

The Integration Support Services Intern will support community center staff and summer programming, with a primary focus on assisting with the Summer Youth Program. Responsibilities may include helping implement activities, supervising children during programming and field trips, and supporting social and educational experiences for youth. Interns may also assist with light case management tasks such as intakes, referrals, and documentation as needed. This internship offers hands-on experience in nonprofit programming while building leadership skills and supporting immigrant and refugee youth and families in rural North Carolina.

## **East Greensboro NOW**

Our organization works in economic development, affordable housing, community development and minority entrepreneurship. The intern will support us in all areas. Primary projects would involve research on a variety of things, canvassing neighborhoods, attending public meetings of local government, neighborhood meetings, assisting our social media/marketing person, developing inventories (retail businesses and other properties) and traditional office/clerical duties.

## **FaithAction International**

The Immigrant Assistance Center Intern will support and assist in various operations and activities of the Immigrant Assistance Center. This may include assisting case managers with case work, by connecting immigrant and refugee families to basic needs, safe space and accompaniment for domestic/sexual violence survivors, educational and employment opportunities, emergency assistance to those with loved ones facing detention and deportation, and other community referrals. Interns will also follow up with families to ensure that ongoing needs are met. Projects may also include supporting in community program and events (English classes, informational workshops, ID Drives, etc), research related to community resources and immigrant accessibility to those resources, or other suggestions provided by the intern based on their skills and interests.

## **Burlington Recreation and Parks**

Community Engagement Fellow – Mobile & Community Recreation - Burlington Recreation & Parks

The SECU Fellow working with the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department would be responsible for planning and implementing the daily programs and activities of the Park & Play mobile recreation unit that serves to bring parks to people in our more rural and underserved communities that have limited access to physical parks and community centers. In addition to working with the Park & Play, this person will provide support to community center staff, and assisting other recreation

divisions (Outdoor Programming, Special Events) with planning and implementation of projects and programs. Education Preference will be given to those seeking a degree in recreation, education, social work, public health or related degree. Hours Anticipated schedule includes 3 days per week onsite from mid-June through mid-August with additional time required for planning and supporting recreation initiatives. Minimal weekend and evenings may be necessary for some programs.

### Primary Responsibilities

- Implement youth activities within the established guidelines
  - Design and implement daily activity plans
  - Supervise volunteers, children and all activities
  - Primary driver for cargo van/mobile recreation unit
  - Maintain communication with supervisors and housing development staff
  - Maintain program equipment and provide daily housekeeping of cargo van
- Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of City safety policies
- Preferred CPR and First Aid certifications
- Must possess excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills in dealing with staff, children, families, and site liaisons
- Must possess critical thinking and analytical skills
- Must possess excellent planning and organizational skills

## **High Point Arts Council**

This internship would assist the Executive Director in facilitating and documenting this program, working with local artists and neighborhoods. The program partners local artists with residents to celebrate and highlight their community and the people who live there. In addition, this internship would assist HPAC staff in coordinating our free summer community concert series, ArtSplash. This program invites our community to enjoy free multicultural family-friendly concerts in various open-air venues throughout High Point and neighboring communities. Finally, this internship will also assist in organizing and managing our youth jazz summer workshop camp in June 2026.

## **American Red Cross**

The Chapter-Community based Intern plays a vital role in supporting the mission of the American Red Cross through hands-on experience across multiple lines of service, including Communications, Disaster Services, Biomedical Services, Fund Development, Volunteer Services, and Administration. Based at a local chapter, this position provides an immersive learning opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and operational skills while contributing to community impact initiatives. A full schedule is developed including onboarding to feel fully prepared to support multiple business units. Based on interns interests and skills, we pair more heavily in some areas and we build out a project to complete during the summer semester.

## **Family Room Foster Care Resource Center**

1. Donation Drive Support Specialist - seeking out new business, organizations, and civic groups in the community to host donation drives. This would include cold calls, emails, delivering donation drive boxes and bags, sending thank you cards and more. This would also involve up fitting our current system to make it more streamlined. and creating a written procedure for this new role.
2. Administration - working with the current admin team to create a more streamlined approach to training new admin volunteers.

Both the above roles would include serving foster families as needed when they have a new foster care placement brought to their home

## **NCCJ (North Carolina for Community and Justice)**

NCCJ's SECU Public Fellow will have the opportunity to be an integral part of a dynamic team delivering life-changing programming to students and adults in the Piedmont Triad. NCCJ's SECU Public Fellow will assist the organization with the preparation, execution and administration of NCCJ's summer residential program, Anytown. Learn more about Anytown and our other NCCJ programs by visiting our website at [nccjtriad.org/programs](http://nccjtriad.org/programs) or visiting us on YouTube @NCCJtriad. NCCJ's SECU Public Fellow will also assist NCCJ with community outreach and volunteer engagement. In addition, NCCJ's SECU Fellow will be given the opportunity to choose special projects to work on in areas of specific interest to them.

### Responsibilities

The Anytown Intern will support delegate and family communication, program logistics, and event coordination for NCCJ's Anytown program. Responsibilities include processing participant forms, serving as a liaison with students and families, assisting with check-in and orientations, supporting volunteer coordination, and helping with outreach and recruitment efforts. Interns will also have the opportunity to explore special projects in areas such as fundraising, marketing, and nonprofit operations.

## **Greensboro History Museum**

The SECU Fellowship Intern will work to strengthen bridges between the Greensboro History Museum and our local schools. The outcome of their efforts will be twofold: First, we expect to see an increase in the number of schools scheduling field trips to the museum thanks to the intern's outreach efforts. Second, their data collection will provide a basis for planning a new field trip designed to respond to community needs.

This internship will involve gathering qualitative data to assess the needs and wants of our local teachers, principals, and administrators from Randolph, Rockingham, and Guilford County Schools. Developing measured impacts for community engagement is part of the museum's 2024-28 Strategic Roadmap. By evaluating the needs of educational partners, the museum's Education & Engagement team can quickly create effective ways to serve teachers and students. The SECU Fellowship Intern will present an assessment on the qualitative data they gathered at the end of their time to the museum Education & Engagement staff on what they could do to encourage more field trips in the 2026-2027 School Year.

Finally, the SECU Fellowship Intern will also get to help and participate in museum's daily functions and programs during the Summer.

## **Reconsidered Goods**

Reconsidered Goods is a nonprofit creative reuse center dedicated to reducing waste and building a more sustainable, creative community. In addition to operating a vibrant retail store filled with donated art supplies, craft materials, home goods, and unique items at low cost, we ensure these resources get into the hands of artists, educators, makers, and families who need them most. Beyond the store, we offer free and reduced-cost outreach and education programs—including workshops, school partnerships, pop-up events, and community art activities—that make creativity accessible to people of all ages and income levels. Together, our retail, reuse, and education efforts help keep usable materials out of the landfill while expanding opportunities for hands-on learning across the Piedmont and rural North Carolina.

Reconsidered Goods interns will design and lead one or two major, project-based initiatives aligned with their academic interests, focused on sustainability, creative reuse, and community impact. Projects may include expanding access to creative materials and education in rural North Carolina or building sustainable partnerships with local businesses to reduce waste and support community programs. This internship offers hands-on experience in project design, community engagement, and nonprofit operations while strengthening environmental and economic resilience in rural communities.

## **Greensboro Beautiful, Inc**

In the summer, Greensboro Beautiful is focused on preparing for fall planting and cleanup events as well as our annual Art in the Arboretum. We need specific marketing, social media, and writing help to promote these two events.

## **New Arrivals Institute**

Youth Summer Enrichment Intern GOALS are:

- 1-To experience new opportunities for leadership,
- 2-management and community while leading volunteers and participants in learning,
- 3-creativity and leadership.

The Mission of this summer program is to: Provide summer literacy and enrichment experiences for refugee youth that lead to increased literacy and school success in a fun, inclusive environment.

Summer interns will: plan, lead and manage Literacy, Math, Science, Technology, Art, Crafts, and Lego activities as well as soccer, games, and individual special projects of their choice under the direction of summer NAI staff. Interns will also model positive leadership and service for high school volunteers. POSSIBLE PROJECTS: 1- creating videos to highlight the summer and to recruit future interns; 2- Create content for Social Media ; 3- Using graphic design and photography for promoting the intern and volunteer opportunity; 4- planning the high school orientation

## Black Child Development

Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro (BCDI-G)

BCDI-G supports the healthy development of children through learning, enrichment, and community-based programming. Our summer program serves elementary-aged students, focusing on academic support, social-emotional learning (SEL), and positive youth development.

Internship Overview:

The Summer Program Intern will support hands-on engagement with students in a structured summer learning environment.

Primary Responsibilities (Day-to-Day):

- Support daily student activities, small group learning, and enrichment sessions (reading support, games, arts, STEM, movement, SEL-based activities).
- Assist staff with classroom routines, transitions, behavior support, and creating a positive climate.
- Build rapport with students and help foster confidence, belonging, and an emotional safe space
- Help prepare materials and support field trips or special enrichment days (as applicable).

Ideal Candidate:

- Comfortable working with elementary-aged children in a structured group setting
- Reliable, positive, and able to take initiative
- Strong communication skills and willingness to learn