Nonprofit Internship Program

The Patterson Foundation’s partnership with the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy
The Patterson Foundation’s partnership with the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy offers students pursuing a degree in philanthropic studies paid remote internships with nonprofits in the Suncoast region of Florida.

The Nonprofit Internship Program gives students an opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on experience while strengthening nonprofits in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

To qualify and apply for an internship position, you must be a current registered bachelor’s or master’s degree student at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Read the blog from past intern Avery Crews Prado de Lima to learn more about her remote internship experience with Lemur Conservation Foundation: Remote Internships: Communication is the Key to Success - The Patterson Foundation

Learn more from Dr. Sara Grivetti, Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson’s, on how a remote intern from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy positively impacted their programming: Neuro Challenge Capitalizes on Internship Opportunity, and It Pays off Well - The Patterson Foundation. This organization is hosting another internship opportunity for the 2023 year.

Do you need to take an internship for course credit?

- Yes - I still need to.
- Yes - But I already did.
- No - But I am looking for opportunities!
- No - Not interested.
- Not sure…

INTERESTED IN A REMOTE PAID ($15hr) INTERNSHIP FOR THE 2023 SUMMER OR FALL SEMESTER?

POST ANSWER
What is The Patterson Foundation's (TPF) Role?

The Patterson Foundation serves as a guide on the side in this endeavor — it is not involved in the daily operations of the organization or the intern's work. Rather, The Patterson Foundation operates as a liaison with the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. The Patterson Foundation will host two Knowledge Sharing Sessions with the organization and intern (one at the beginning of the internship and one at the end) to learn more about their experience together. The Patterson Foundation also funds the internship by providing a stipend to the nonprofit partner at the beginning of the endeavor.

What is the time frame of the internship?

Internships run for one semester over the following timeframes:

- Spring Semester: January–May
- Summer Semester: May–August
- Fall Semester: August–December

An organization can choose what timeframe works best for it. Once decided, organizations will interview candidates.

Who chooses the intern?

If an applicant is a good fit, the nonprofit proceeds with offering the position to the student. If the student accepts, the nonprofit will inform Kellie Alexander, TPF Fellow, for further arrangements to be solidified. The manager of the internship (from the host organization), the student intern, and Kellie will work together to ensure alignment, payment to the organization for intern compensation, and achievement of goals and wishes from all parties.

How many hours is the intern required to work?

LFSOP internships must be 150 hours (as required by LFSOP curriculum). This time can be utilized however the nonprofit and intern determine.

What else should I know?

TPF believes in the quality of the LFSOP students and the impact they can have on your organization. TPF asks that the nonprofit host write one blog and the student write one blog sharing observations from this internship experience, in addition to participation in two Knowledge Sharing Sessions (one at the beginning, one at the end). No other requirements.
2023 Internship Opportunities

Flip through the Summer and Fall 2023 Internship Profiles

Leadership
Value of collaboration is understood and used to drive impact

Willingness
Enthusiasm about working together and with others accelerates change

Readiness
Available to embrace the journey

Capacity
Ability to bring assets to the work and implement strategic recommendations

Culture
Shared belief that strengthening the future starts with passionaries and possibilitarians
Legacy Giving Plan Analyst (Internship)

Resilient Retreat is seeking a remote Legacy Giving Plan Analyst to assist with developing unique strategies for top donors through planned-giving during 150 hours/one semester.

Learn more about Resilient Retreat by visiting their website: Resilient Retreat
Communications Engagement Intern (Internship)

FUNducation is seeking a remote Communications Engagement Intern to assist with developing unique strategies to engage the FUNducation audience through a communications plan during 150 hours/one semester.

Job Description: FUNducation is seeking a remote Communications Engagement Intern to assist with developing unique strategies to engage the FUNducation audience through a communications plan during 150 hours/one semester.

Objectives: The Communications Engagement Intern will not only gain professional hands-on experience in communications by working with FUNducation, but will also be mentored by the FUNducation Board Communications Director to develop communication strategies. The Communications Engagement Intern will also gain skills to expand their knowledge of writing for the nonprofit sector and the field of digital communications by supporting the coordination of specific marketing and communication activities.

Specific goals for the Communications Engagement Intern include developing a communications plan for the 2023 calendar year through collaboration with staff on new ideas, directions, for marketing and communications to raise the profile and capacity of FUNducation through social media, communication materials, volunteer storytelling, recruitment, and reporting. This includes but is not limited to, creating/designing visual content for social media and web, content curating, story development, organization and creation for monthly e-newsletters and blogs, contributing to the design of in-house and external print materials, acting as a liaison between FUNducation and print partners and/or assisting Marketing team.

Responsibilities:
- Assist in writing communications including newsletters, social media, web content.
- Research and develop new ideas for Web/social media content.
- Assist with updating and maintaining FUNducation social media presence, including scheduling Facebook updates.
- Assist in planning, writing and managing monthly eNewsletters.
- Draft, distribute and pitch news releases, media alerts and other stories.

Learn more about FUNducation by visiting their website: FUNducation
Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc.

Donor Engagement Analyst (Internship)

Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc. is seeking a remote Donor Engagement Analyst to assist with developing unique strategies for top donors through major gifts or planned-giving during 150 hours/one semester.

Learn more about Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc. by visiting their website: Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc.
The Patterson Foundation

The Patterson Foundation invests in strengthening the efforts of people, organizations, and communities.
Rather than having grant cycles or requests for proposals, The Patterson Foundation invests in strengthening the efforts of people, organizations, and communities by focusing on issues that address mutual aspirations, foster wide participation, and encourage learning and sharing.

Support through the thoughtful use of assets takes time and intention. That is why we focus on helping people engage with each other, providing expertise, encouraging learning, and sharing promising practices.

In collaboration with the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy — the world's first school dedicated solely to the study and teaching of philanthropy — The Patterson Foundation's Advancing Philanthropic Leadership initiative encompasses a series of creative efforts to strengthen the capabilities of emerging philanthropic leaders. Within each of the endeavors, aspiring leaders have the opportunity to build their willingness, capacity, and foresight to incorporate innovative strategies for long-term change.

- Advancing Philanthropic Leadership endeavors:
  - Fellows Program
  - TPF Beyond Alumni Network
  - Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Elective: "Beyond the Check: The Patterson Foundation's Approach to Innovative Philanthropy"
  - Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Elective: "The Future of the Philanthropic Sector: Experiential Learning with The Patterson Foundation"
  - Nonprofit Internship Program

Read more about The Patterson Foundation's unique approach to philanthropy: Our Approach - The Patterson Foundation

Read more about The Patterson Foundation's Values: About the Foundation - The Patterson Foundation
Thank you for reading

Internships 2023

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