

Gain valuable work experience related to your career while having a summer adventure in a rural North Carolina community!

Eligibility

The Rural Internship Initiative is open to all Golden LEAF Scholars excluding participants in the combined leadership and internship opportunity (GLSLP) managed by the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) and seniors graduating in the Spring or Summer 2022 semester. Participants of the Lead for Excellence (L4E) virtual leadership experience managed by CCL may apply.

Eligible

- First-Year
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Lead for Excellence (L4E) Participant

Not Eligible

- Senior graduating in Spring or Summer 2022
- Golden LEAF Scholar Leadership Program (GLSLP) Participant

Internship Components

Eligible Experiences - The internship opportunity identified by a Golden LEAF Scholar must be aligned with the student's course of study. Course of study is defined as a declared major or intended major for first-year students that have not yet declared a major. For students without a declared major, additional information regarding courses taken or registered to take may be requested as confirmation of course of study information.

Eligible Sites - Internship sites include, but are not limited to, businesses, non-profits, governmental entities, and/or companies. Internships must be completed in person at a site physically located in a qualifying rural county (see [link](#) to qualifying counties). Internships may be completed at an entity with multiple locations including with locations outside of the eligible counties, provided the student completes the internship at a site located in an eligible county.

Interns are responsible for: contacting their prospective internship site; discussing the internship opportunity with the site; working with the site to craft a job description for their internship; and uploading the Internship Site Information Form with their application.

Application Information

Applications must include an unofficial transcript (to verify course of study information), the Internship Site Information Form (completed by the internship site), and a series of essay questions in which the intern describes how the proposed experience aligns with their course of study and supports their professional development.

Questions?

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For more information, please visit the [Golden LEAF Scholarship website](#).

Availability

Internships will be offered on a competitive basis. At least 50 internships will be offered to qualifying Golden LEAF Scholars for the summer of 2022.

Compensation

Students will be paid \$15 per hour for up to 320 hours. The internship will take place over a period of at least eight weeks, between May through August, not to exceed 40 hours per week. All internships must be completed within the eligible window by August 26, 2022 (no opportunity to return for winter, etc).

Timeline

- December 14, 2021- Intern Informational Webinar
- January 10, 2022 - Application Opens
- January 13, 2022- Internship Site Informational Webinar
- February 11, 2022 - Application Due
- April 14, 2022 - Interns Announced
- May 17, 2022 - Mandatory Onboarding Webinar for Interns and Businesses
- May-August, 2022 - Internship Window
- September 8, 2022 - Mandatory Offboarding Webinar for Interns and Businesses