Meet your professional and personal interests this summer through the SHECP Summer Internship Program, a community-focused learning experience. SHECP’s rewarding, eight-week program pairs motivated students with nonprofit organizations that work to strengthen impoverished communities.

This opportunity is open to students in all majors and career paths. If accepted for the program, you will be matched with an agency that best fits your interests. Located in both urban and rural sites, SHECP interns focus on a wide variety of poverty-related areas, including: Education, Healthcare, Legal Services, Housing, Nutrition, Social and Economic Needs, Immigration, and Community-Building Efforts.

Beyond gaining valuable work experience, you will live as a cohort with fellow interns who are working within the community you serve. SHECP provides for summer housing, travel to your internship location, and a modest stipend towards food, commuting and other essentials.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application period will open ONLINE Oct. 15, 2018, at www.shepherdconsortium.org. The application must be completed by midnight, Jan. 12, 2019. The steps are:
1. Review internship opportunities online at www.shepherdconsortium.org/internships
2. Complete common application
3. Interview at your college. Students will be notified by their college about selection process results, no later than Feb. 8, 2019

BUCKNEILL UNIVERSITY CONTACT:

Internship Director: Lynn Pierson
(570)577-1292, Email: lcp008@bucknell.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

SHECP interns participate in full-time volunteer work for eight weeks. Prior to that, interns must attend an opening conference to be oriented to the program. Interns reconvene for a closing conference to report on their experiences. Interns are expected to complete an online program evaluation and are encouraged to share their experiences when they return to their campuses.

Opening Conference, Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia, June 6–8, 2019

Eight-week Internship, June 10–Aug. 1, 2019

Closing Conference, Location TBD, Aug. 2–4, 2019
OUR MISSION

The Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP) encourages the study of poverty as a complex social problem, by expanding and improving educational opportunities for college students in a wide range of disciplines and career trajectories. Through its programs, SHECP and its member institutions prepare students for a lifetime of professional and civic efforts to diminish poverty and enhance human capability, while also supporting connections among students, faculty, staff, and alumni engaged in the study of poverty.

SHECP is a collaboration among 25 colleges and universities that integrates classroom study of poverty with summer internships and co-curricular activities.

In 2018, SHECP provided 130 students with summer internships, in 21 geographic locations, with 96 poverty-focused nonprofits and government agencies.

SHECP interns provided 36,400 hours of service, over the course of eight weeks, in 2018. They are a force multiplier for impact, building capacity for our partners.

THE CONSORTIUM

The Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP) was formally established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in July 2012; however, it began in 1998 as the “Shepherd Poverty Alliance,” a poverty studies program founded by Washington and Lee University and allied with Berea College and Spelman College. SHECP is currently comprised of:

Baylor University
Berea College
Birmingham-Southern College
Bucknell University
Centre College
College of Wooster
Elon University
Furman University
John Carroll University
Juniata College
Manchester University
Marymount University
Middlebury College
Millsaps College
Niagara University
Ohio University
The Cleveland Clinic Lerner College
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
University of Lynchburg
University of Notre Dame
University of St. Thomas
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Virginia Military Institute
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