



PRACTICING EQUITY AT THE INTERSECTION OF RACE & POVERTY

SHECP 2021

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Meet your professional and personal goals this summer through the **SHECP Summer Internship Program**, a community-based 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, you will be matched with an agency that fits your interests and strengths. Located in urban and rural sites, internships offer opportunities in advancing social justice and implementing poverty interventions in areas including: **Community and Individual Services; Education and Youth Outreach; Health and Wellness; Immigration and Refugees; and Legal and Business Management.**

Beyond gaining valuable work experience, you will learn more about living in a community of students in a new city or town. SHECP provides summer housing, a modest stipend for commuting and groceries, and covers travel costs to the Closing Conference.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application period will open **ONLINE Oct. 15, 2020**, at shepherdconsortium.org. The steps are:

1. Review internship opportunities online at shepherdconsortium.org/about-internships.
2. Complete the [internship application](#) by January 15, 2021.
3. Interview at your college. Students will be notified by their college about selection process results, no later than Feb. 6, 2021.

Contact Alan Tinkler, AlanTinkler@MissouriState.edu or Sean Herring, SeanHerring@MissouriState.edu for further information.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

SHECP interns participate in full-time volunteer work for eight weeks. Interns complete a variety of preparation modules in April and May and attend a virtual Opening Conference. Interns convene for a Closing Conference to process 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 – Virtual
June 3, 2021

EIGHT-WEEK INTERNSHIP
June 7-July 30, 2021

CLOSING CONFERENCE – Location TBD
July 31-Aug. 1, 2021

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 2020, **SHECP** provided **84** students with summer internships, in **26** geographic locations, with **62** poverty-focused nonprofit and governmental agencies.



SHECP interns contributed **16,800 hours of service** in 2020. A force multiplier, they built capacity for our partners while delivering **\$456,960 in community impact**.

THE CONSORTIUM

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, allied with Berea College and Spelman College. SHECP is currently comprised of:

Baylor University

Berea College

Birmingham-Southern College

Bucknell University

Centre College

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College

Elon University

Furman University

Hamilton College

John Carroll University

Juniata College

Manchester University

Marymount University

Middlebury College

Millsaps College

Missouri State University

Niagara University

Ohio University

The College of Wooster

University of Lynchburg

University of Notre Dame

University of Vermont

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Virginia Military Institute

Washington and Lee University