Internship Program

Mentoring students across various fields—including engineering, international development, and social, laboratory, and pharmaceutical sciences

Interns are an integral part of our mission-driven community dedicated to improving the human condition by turning knowledge into practice. Internships at RTI International emphasize experiential and mentored learning experiences, giving students a chance to apply their academic knowledge and skills in a professional setting. In doing so, the RTI Internship Program enables interns to explore their scientific research interests and career paths by gaining valuable, practical experience. Each intern’s experience is tailored to the specific domain area, project, and business or research unit. RTI is committed to developing the next generation of talent by providing internship opportunities in diverse scientific research and business support areas.

Internship Placement Opportunities

• Education and workforce development
• Data science
• Environment and resource management
• Food, nutrition, and agriculture
• General administration (e.g., information technology, human resources, business, finance, communication)
• Health
• International development
• Innovation ecosystems
• Social policy

Program Offerings

• RTI internships are offered during the fall and spring semesters, as well as during the summer, as teams identify their needs. The duration of internships varies depending on client and project needs, funding, resources, and learning opportunities.
• Many RTI internships are located in our Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, headquarters; however, we also offer placements in our regional and project offices in the United States and around the world.

Photo at top: Statistical and health policy intern Krish Maypole (Yale) presents his research to guests at the 2019 RTI Internship Showcase.
RTI is committed to training and mentoring our future workforce. Through our Internship Program, interns have numerous opportunities to interact and network with RTI’s executive and senior leaders. Additionally, interns are encouraged to participate in professional development workshops; attend conferences, lectures, and seminars; co-publish articles; and present their work at the annual RTI Internship Showcase. Development activities are designed to be inclusive of our interns located in regional and project offices.

Our commitment to diversity is reflected in our recognition that innovation, creativity, and progress are best achieved when we leverage varying backgrounds and experiences. Our commitment to inclusion is reflected in our value of each other’s perspectives. Each individual is welcomed, respected, supported, and valued as a person and as a team member.

Eligibility

Students and recent degree recipients (who are within one calendar year post-graduation for the entirety of the placement) are eligible to participate in RTI’s Internship Program. International students are welcome to apply to most internships; however, some may be limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. RTI offers paid and academic internship opportunities. Academic internships require students to receive academic credit or fulfill an academic program requirement.

Applying

Internship opportunities change regularly as a result of RTI’s project-based business model. Prospective interns are encouraged to visit RTI Internships to view current postings and apply directly online. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Staying Connected

LinkedIn is a great way to build networks and connect with other interns, as well as RTI mentors and staff. Interns are also encouraged to follow RTI on Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook.

The University Collaboration Office administers the RTI Internship Program for students and the RTI University Scholars Program for faculty. We aim to extend the institute’s capabilities. By serving as a catalyst and a hub for outreach with regional, national, and international leading academic institutions, we connect RTI and academic researchers to advance science for the global good.

More Information

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