

Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site
Job Description Information Sheet
Summer 2026

Organization Name: Philanthropy Southeast

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(Will be relocating by March 2026 to Midtown – address TBD)

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Organization's Mission Statement:

Philanthropy Southeast strengthens Southern philanthropy, welcoming our members to listen, learn and collaborate on ideas and actions to help build an equitable, prosperous South.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:

Philanthropy Southeast (formerly Southeastern Council of Foundations) is the premier philanthropic network for courageous leaders, ideas and resources focused on the American South and U.S. Caribbean territories. We connect our members to experts, innovations and best practices in philanthropy while promoting peer-to-peer learning and leadership development. Our members comprise a diverse network of thinkers, problem-solvers and leaders who share their perspectives, ideas and insights in pursuit of a common goal: leveraging the power of effective, meaningful philanthropy to build a region where all people can participate and prosper.

Our members represent more than 300 philanthropic organizations and individuals of all sizes, including but not limited to family and independent foundations, corporate giving programs, community foundations, grantmaking public charities, and philanthropic-serving organizations. Our members represent more than 112 billion dollars in assets dedicated to serving charitable interests across the Southeast in such areas as education, health, human services and the environment. We provide resources, professional development and networking opportunities for funders to learn more about best practices in grantmaking and philanthropic practice -- learning about their communities, engaging nonprofits and putting their considerable resources to work to make a better world.

We do this in several ways:

- **Programs** – providing conferences and programming where grantmakers can learn and network with their peers. These include programs by constituency (e.g. family foundations), by role (e.g. CEOs), or for those who are new to grantmaking. We connect our members to each other and to experts in the field to help them learn about best and innovative practices in philanthropy.
- **Public Policy** – serving as a “voice” for philanthropy in the Southeast – via publications, online media and representation on a national level. Our goal is to build the capacity of foundations to address relevant policy issues, both at the state and federal levels. Philanthropy Southeast maintains both a policy agenda and advocacy agenda to guide our work in this area.
- **Connections** – building the philanthropic infrastructure to help grantmakers organize around their common interests and create vehicles for members to align grantmaking with impact and to utilize all forms of philanthropic capital to achieve their mission.

Intern's title: Summer intern

Number of interns requested: 1

Internship project/job description (Please detail degree to which position is in-person, virtual, or hybrid.):

We anticipate the internship will take place as hybrid with a combination of remote and in-office work. Philanthropy Southeast currently operates in a hybrid work environment, with staff in-office 3-4 days a week. The internship may also involve attendance at local programs. The exact blend of remote and in-office work may be adjusted according to the projects at hand.

Projects will be tailored to the selected intern's interests or prioritized according to the organization's needs, but may include the following:

Research & Database Support:

- Assist with engagement tracking in the organization's member database by adding data for groups including committee members, Philanthropy Essentials faculty, and Hull Fellows mentors.
- Update information on members' giving interests/priorities in the organization's database.
- Identify resources, such as reports, websites, and publications, for addition to the organization's online Resource Hub.
- Index recent articles from the organization's Inspiration magazine.
- Organize the internal consultant listing to facilitate member referrals.

Program & Communication Support:

- Create a catalogue of past speakers from Annual Meetings and other core programs.
- Add events to the ongoing list of leadership development opportunities shared with contacts via the weekly Grantmaker Opportunities e-newsletter.
- Assist with preparation for various Philanthropy Southeast programs taking place during the summer months, such as the Community Foundation Boot Camp and Family Foundations Forum.
- Provide support for Annual Meeting registration and planning.
- Assist with interviews and drafting member profiles for our blog, Engage, and weekly e-newsletter, Connect.

Public Policy:

- Develop profiles of Congressional members representing states in the Southeast as well as assist with state legislative research.
- Help research relevant policy issues that may emerge as important to Philanthropy Southeast's public policy and/or advocacy committees.

In addition to these projects, the intern may be asked to assist as needed with other tasks in relation to membership, programs and communications.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will either have or be pursuing a degree in the social sciences, nonprofit management or public policy. Research, writing and computer skills are preferred (social media tools, PowerPoint, Excel, Word). The best candidate will:

1. Demonstrate excellent research, written and verbal communication skills;
2. Have a strong ability to organize and manage multiple priorities;
3. Exhibit energy and enthusiasm, and an interest in working in the nonprofit/philanthropic sector;
4. Manage working in a virtual environment and with a small team often wearing many hats; and
5. Have a professional attitude, be a team player, have a sense of humor, and be flexible.

Other requirements, if any, for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)?

Adhere to PSE's policies including those regarding confidentiality and non-solicitation of members.

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

No. A car may be convenient to attend local programming, but this aspect of the internship would be optional and staff can arrange alternative transportation if necessary.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

Yes, we expect our new location to be accessible by both rail and bus via MARTA – closest station will likely be the Arts Center station.