Innovation Economics Internship

The Innovation Economics Intern will support a wide variety of economic development analysis projects. The Intern will be paired with project teams and execute background research, literature review, data analysis, and other activities in specific topical areas. Topical areas include technology-based economic development programs, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and research and development. This internship position will provide an excellent introduction to the economic research and public policy analysis enterprise.

As part of the RTI Internship Program, RTI Interns are provided access to a variety of enrichment activities to further enhance the learning experience at RTI. Activities include professional development workshops, seminars with RTI executives, social events to network with fellow RTI Interns, and the opportunity to present their achievements at the Annual RTI Internship Showcase. For more information about RTI Internships, please visit www.rti.org/interns.

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Responsibilities may include

- Assist with a wide variety of qualitative and quantitative research activities under the direction of a project director and senior analyst;
- Conduct literature reviews to inform analyses and the development of economic models;
- Compile databases of moderate complexity using Excel or other database software from national data sources;
- Support senior analysts in conducting program evaluations for team science and economic development initiatives; and
- Help prepare tables, figures, and write text for project memos and reports.

Qualifications

- Undergraduate (rising seniors preferred) majoring in economics, public policy, economic development, or a related social science discipline.
- Strong communication skills (written and verbal).
- Excellent attention to detail.
- Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Self-starter with effective organizational and time management skills.
- Interest and experience in community economic development.
- Ability to follow directions and work independently or collaboratively as part of a project team.
- Ability to prioritize, ask questions when/as needed, and follow-through on tasks.
- Proficiency in the MS Office programs in particular MS Word and Excel required.

Additional Information

- Academic major preference
- Economics, public policy, economic development, or a related social science discipline.
- Classification preference (rising junior/rising senior)
  - Rising senior
- Automobile required
  - No
- Intrastate or interstate travel required
  - No
- Location
  - RTI Headquarters Office- Research Triangle Park, NC
- Interview
  - Finalized candidates will be interviewed by RTI staff