



Building Tomorrow's Workforce Today

PrepareRI is a state-wide initiative designed to prepare all Rhode Island students with the skills they need for jobs that pay.

The PrepareRI College Internship Program provides first generation college students with paid summer work-based learning internships to provide experience aligned to their college major.



Internship Benefits for Employers



Build Talent

Engaging college interns allows employers to develop a strong pipeline of future talent in Rhode Island while simultaneously strengthening your company's brand.

Prepared Students

College students are academically prepared to be placed in positions that align with their declared majors in addition to completing a mandatory, rigorous, work-readiness training prior to the start of their internship.

Make Connections

The PrepareRI College Internship Program allows for employers and students to make meaningful connections for potential future employment, networking, and business opportunities.

Internship at a Glance

Skills for Rhode Island's Future is the agency selected as the statewide intermediary to manage the PrepareRI College Internship Program. Our role is to facilitate the process and help your company maximize on the benefits this program offers.

- **Host Interns:** Interns will be available for up to 400 hours during the summer of 2019. Hosting interns allows employers to gain insight into the next generation of talent and build recruitment pipelines.
- **Strengthen Diversity:** This program recruits students who identify as first-generation college students. The program encourages diversity of thought and experiences while developing the future workforce. This is an excellent way to gain a competitive advantage of mentoring and working with rising talent.
- **Save Money:** SkillsRI will work with the Department of Labor and Training to assist employers to be reimbursed up to 50% on intern's overall salary. The suggested rate of pay is \$15/hour.

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PrepareRI College Internship Framework

As students' progress through the PrepareRI College Internship Program they learn about and apply foundational skills to be career ready, including academic knowledge, technical expertise, and a set of general, cross-cutting abilities called "employability skills".

