



PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES AT RISE

Spring and Summer 2021: Practicum

Rise is a nonprofit developer and development consultant and provides predevelopment lending and capacity-building technical assistance and training to other nonprofit community development organizations (CDCs), government agencies and institutions in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Rise also plays a leadership role in community development policy and affordable housing advocacy locally and throughout Missouri and Illinois.

Why Rise? A practicum at Rise helps students apply the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom with meaningful and real time opportunities in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County in Missouri along with Madison and St. Clair counties in Illinois where Rise serves. The experience with Rise will assist practicum students develop their project and program management skills in addition to creating professional connections.

Professional Career. Many practicum students have gone on to work for affordable housing development companies, tax credit equity firms, all levels of government along with community development corporations and other nonprofit community service organizations. We are proud many of our practicum students have gone on to advance the St. Louis regional community development system.

Expectations. Because of the duration of programs and projects, Rise seeks students who are professional, collaborative and independent self-starters. Some of the duties of Rise practicum students may involve assisting with the following:

- CDFI/Minority Contractor Load Fund administration
- Development and evaluation of outcome measures
- Coordination of quarterly group training classes/seminars
- Individualized technical assistance support
- Housing, neighborhood and community planning
- Development, administering and monitoring of social service enrichment plans
- Administering Collaborative Grant Program
- Support of Rise's Community Development Technical Assistance Program Committee
- Predevelopment – and housing development
- Construction management
- Asset management
- Development and marketing
- Advocacy and community engagement
- Contributing to writing grant applications

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For applications or for more information on practicums

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Potential Project Outlines

Edison Ave Lofts

Edison Ave Lofts is a Rise led and owned housing development in Granite City, IL. The purpose of the development is to meld affordable housing and the arts. This project intends to attract local artists and provide affordable housing with art studio space, gallery space, and resources in support of their craft. This development extends the reach and footprint of Granite City Art and Design District (G-CADD), a local artist collaborative. This project would entail developing a marketing plan to attract potential residents and conduct a needs assessment to inform resource, service, and design determinations. Once residents move in, there will be tasks oriented to resident relations and programming to support connectivity between the residential community and the broader arts district and community.

Rise Resident Needs Assessment and Toolkit

Rise, along with its various partner organizations, owns and develops numerous affordable housing properties throughout the St. Louis region. To become more responsive to the needs of residents, Rise is interested in developing new tools and procedures to help connect residents with services. This will help address emerging challenges experienced by residents and determine opportunities for community partnership to create more livable and sustainable residential communities. This project will entail collaborative development through the creation of a resident intake and needs assessment toolkit. There also may be community engagement with residents and different stakeholders to co-develop service and programming plans.