



Community Engagement Intern – **Community Engagement Dept.**

Location: hybrid on-site/remote, New Haven CT

Start Date: June 2, 2026

End Date: August 21, 2026 (*exact date flexible*)

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week, M-F

Supervisor: Katy Lawder, Director of Community Engagement

Compensation: This is an **unpaid internship**. Students may be able to receive academic credit depending on their institution.

About the Role

The Communications Intern in the Community Engagement Department supports IRIS's outreach efforts by creating engaging social media content, including graphics, short-form videos, and written posts. This role assists with videography and photography at events and in the field, helping capture and edit visual stories that highlight IRIS's programs and community impact. The intern will also support general media projects such as content planning, asset organization, and collaboration with staff on digital storytelling initiatives.

Key Responsibilities

- Collaborate with CE team to create, edit and schedule social media content (graphics, photos, videos and captions) across IRIS's digital platforms.
- Assist with capturing videos and photos at community events, programs, and outreach activities, including basic editing and file management.
- Maintain organized media libraries and assist with other communications and media-related tasks as needed.

Qualifications



Required

- Basic experience with social media platforms and creating content for digital audiences.
- Interest in community engagement, nonprofit work, or social impact-focused communications.

Preferred

- Familiarity with photography, videography, and basic editing tools (such as Canva, Adobe Creative Suite, CapCut or similar)
- Strong storytelling skills with an eye for visual detail and brand consistency.
- Currently enrolled in, or recently graduated from, a program related to communications, media, marketing, journalism, or a related field.