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FARBER PROGRAM

Since 1997, the Farber program has introduced over 200 MBA students from the country's top business schools to the employment social enterprise field. Farber Summer Fellows spend 10 weeks working on mission-critical projects for one of REDF's partner social enterprises. Alumni of the program cite the experience as transformative, providing the opportunity to work closely with social enterprise leaders and REDF staff and form meaningful and enduring relationships with fellow Farbers.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

10
WEEKS

WORKING WITH ONE OF REDF'S
**GROWTH PORTFOLIO
ORGANIZATIONS**

JOIN A NETWORK OF
200+
FARBER ALUMNI

"If you're interested in spending your summer developing consulting skills, while working on mission critical projects with organizations that are truly making the world a better place—apply to the Farber program. As a huge bonus, you'll meet some wonderful and inspiring colleagues along the way."

– SAMUEL BUCK, University of Michigan Ross School of Business, 2020 Farber, Conservation Corps North Bay

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:

Learn from REDF

Benefit from REDF's 25+ years of experience in venture philanthropy and receive coaching and guidance throughout the summer from our Growth Portfolio and Capacity Building teams.

Make an Impact

Own a mission-critical project, work alongside social enterprise staff, and provide insights and perspective that will have organization-wide impact. Deepen your business skills as you develop recommendations that could launch new businesses, expand impact to new cities, or enhance employee support.

Expand your Network

Connect and collaborate with fellow Farbers hailing from business schools across the country as well as social enterprise leaders. Engage with Farber Alumni, REDF Board Members, and REDF staff.

Broaden Your Career Path and Your Perspective

The career paths our alumni travel down are as diverse as their backgrounds. Whether you decide to focus your career in the social or private sectors, our alumni cite their summer experience as transformative.



“If you want to dig deep into a non-profit’s strategic imperatives, propose solutions that impact real people, and meet a cohort of incredible people to learn from and grow with, this internship is for you.”

– ROXANE DEBATY, Yale School of Management,
2019 Farber, Women’s Bean Project

APPLYING YOUR MBA SKILLS:

Farber Summer Fellows apply the skills they have learned in their MBA programs to complete a variety of projects at social enterprises. Recent projects include:

Bruno conducted a time study for Bright Endeavors’ production cycle to better understand average and maximum production times, as well as process improvement opportunities. He also studied the feasibility of new job training pathways for program participants, particularly fulfillment and customer service, through market research and interviews.

BRUNO WAKED, Kellogg Northwestern School of Management, 2019 Farber, New Moms

Alex researched and prototyped a business intelligence dashboard for FareStart that will allow all employees to see real-time data about the overall performance of the organization. The dashboard integrates program, social enterprise, development/marketing, and internal HR metrics to support richer data-informed decision-making.

ALEX KASAVIN, Yale School of Management, 2018 Farber, FareStart

Priscilla developed a strategy for GSG Talent Solutions, Goodwill Central Texas’ staffing agency, as they consider geographic expansion into new markets. She conducted a competitive analysis of the staffing industry, feasibility assessment of target regions, and created operational and business development plans for expansion.

PRISCILLA LUU, Haas School of Business, 2020 Farber, Goodwill Central Texas

"This experience drastically challenged my comfort zone, forcing me to listen, redefine success and adopt a sense of flexibility towards my own preconceived ideas around social innovation."

ADRIANA RUEDA, UC Berkeley
Haas School of Business, 2022 Farber,
Homeward Bound of Marin

