Since 1997, the Farber program has introduced over 180 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 PORTFOLIO ORGANIZATIONS**

**JOIN A NETWORK OF 180 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 20+ years of experience in venture philanthropy and receive coaching and guidance throughout the summer from our Portfolio team.

**MAKE AN IMPACT:**

Learn about the unique challenges and what it takes to run a successful employment social enterprise. Own a mission-critical project working alongside REDF and social enterprise staff, providing insights and perspective that will have organization-wide impact.

**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 George Roberts, co-founder of KKR and REDF.

**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

“While business school gives you great tools to manage companies, nothing can substitute for the practical and holistic experience I gained at the Farber program.”
— ANDREA ROZENBERG, Yale School of Management, 2018 Farber
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