



**THE PRESLEY CENTER'S RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PARTNERS INTERNSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

DEADLINE: Sunday, April 12th at 11:59pm

The Presley Center of Crime & Justice Studies is pleased to announce the **Presley Center's Restorative Justice Partners Internship**, offered in partnership with [Restorative Partners, Inc.](#), a nonprofit organization based in San Luis Obispo that operates restorative justice programs for justice-impacted adults and youth.

This internship provides a unique opportunity for a UCR student to work alongside practitioners advancing restorative justice - an approach to addressing harm that focuses on accountability, structured dialogue, and repairing the impact of crime on individuals and communities. Through this internship, the selected student will gain hands-on experience supporting restorative justice programming while developing practical skills in nonprofit program operations, client coordination, and restorative conferencing practices.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Restorative Justice Programs Intern (RJPI) will **work with Restorative Partners' restorative justice programs serving justice-impacted adults and youth**, including individuals currently under custodial supervision as well as those reentering the community following release. The internship provides **exposure to the day-to-day operations of nonprofit restorative justice programming** and offers **opportunities to support outreach, nonprofit management, program coordination, data management, and project-based learning.**

Working closely with program staff, the intern will assist with several core functions of the organization's restorative justice programs. Responsibilities may include:

Project-Based Learning

- Completing a one-day training on restorative conference facilitation, with opportunities to support restorative conference preparation and facilitation with adult clients
- Observing and engaging with programming serving justice-impacted adults and youth, including individuals in custody
- Assisting with the development of an ongoing restorative justice internship program

Program Development Support

- Participating in staff debrief meetings following restorative services and assessments
- Assisting program managers with organizing and analyzing service data

Outreach

- Supporting client engagement and appointment coordination
- Participating in the planning, execution, and debrief of outreach activities

Data Entry

- Entering and organizing data related to incoming referrals for adult clients
- Documenting information following client assessments



Throughout the internship, the student will **receive mentorship and structured training through Restorative Partners**. This includes weekly supervision and check-ins with the Restorative Dialogue Program Manager, participation in Volunteer Orientation and a community event (July 11, 2026), and completion of a four-hour PREA training required for work involving youth in custody. Through these activities, the intern will gain familiarity with professional standards, ethical practices, and operational procedures associated with working in justice-involved settings.

INTERNSHIP STRUCTURE

This internship is structured in two phases:

1. Phase 1 – In-Person Internship (San Luis Obispo)

July 1 – August 31, 2026

- 37.5 hours per week
- Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (with a 30-minute lunch break)
- Intern will work on-site with Restorative Partners in San Luis Obispo, CA

2. Phase 2 – Remote Internship

September 1 – December 18, 2026

- Approximately 10 hours per week
- Specific days/times to be coordinated around the student’s academic schedule
- Intern will work remotely, allowing them to return to Riverside for the academic year

COMPENSATION & LOGISTICS

The selected student will **receive a \$2,000 stipend** in recognition of their time and the temporary relocation required for the in-person portion of the internship.

Students are responsible for:

- Arranging and paying for their travel to and within San Luis Obispo
- Securing and covering the cost of lodging during the in-person portion of the internship

Restorative Partners may be able to provide general guidance or suggestions to help students identify potential housing options in the area. Their office is located approximately 0.1 miles from the RTA Route 10 bus stop, which may make public transit a viable commuting option.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a currently enrolled UCR student
- Be in good academic standing
- Not graduate before Winter 2027
- Be able to arrange travel and lodging in San Luis Obispo for the in-person portion of the internship

Students with an interest in restorative justice policy and practice, criminal justice reform, nonprofit work, or community-based programming are strongly encouraged to apply. Students with Spanish proficiency are preferred, but being bilingual is not a requirement.



HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit the following materials:

1. [A completed application form](#) (download a copy at the link for an editable form)
2. **Unofficial UCR Transcript**
3. **Resume**
4. **Personal Statement (maximum two pages, double-spaced)**

Your statement *must respond to all of the following prompts*:

- What interests you about restorative justice as an approach to responding to harm, and what role do you believe it can play within the broader criminal justice system?
- Work with justice-impacted individuals often requires maturity, empathy, and the ability to navigate complex or emotionally difficult situations. Describe an experience (academic, professional, volunteer, or personal) that demonstrates your readiness to engage thoughtfully and responsibly in this type of environment.
- How would participating in the Presley Center's Restorative Justice Partners Internship contribute to your academic interests and long-term professional goals?
- Is there anything else you would like the review committee to know about your experiences, skills, or background that is not captured elsewhere in your application?

Application materials must be merged into a **single PDF** and submitted via email to presleycenter@ucr.edu with the subject line "[Name]_Presley Center RJP Internship" **by 11:59pm on Sunday, April 12th**.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Presley Center beginning the week of April 13th and select candidates will be invited to interview during the week of April 27th.

Following interviews, the Presley Center will recommend a short list of candidate(s) to Restorative Partners. Please note, **final placement is contingent upon review and approval by Restorative Partners**.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the internship or the application process, please contact:

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