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The Regional Internship Center partners with more than 70 higher education institutions and has more than 7,000 students with profiles on the website. The RIC staff also provides direct consultation to employers on a number of internship program topics such as starting or strengthening an internship program, writing position descriptions and thinking strategically about how interns can help an organization successfully move forward.

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