Research Associate - Natural & communal healing practices
2022 Small Bets Lab Summer Associate (remote)

To apply

- Submit your application by completing this form: **Link to Application Form**. **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2022. Apply early!** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received. (We will fill the position as applications are received)

About this role:

Your end goal in this role will be to produce a report that highlights the best natural, communal, and/or ancestral practices that can be used to heal/balance nervous systems, build resilience, and better manage the stress of life.

There is a gap between ancient communal practices, modern technologies and the practices of public agencies that seek to support people's healing from trauma. The goal of this role will be to capture the best practices and package these insights in digestible and accessible ways.

This role is designed for anyone who loves research and report writing. Specifically, someone who loves to combine cutting-edge research and ancient wisdom/knowledge into actionable insights that could be implemented by community-based non-profits.

The top companies and athletes in our society are already accessing many of these natural healing practices, along with the best tools and resources to heal their nervous systems, build resilience, and better manage the stress of life. Examples of source material you might dig into could include:

- Indigenous Healing Informed Care and Medicine Wheel
- Upgrade Labs Technologies

For an example of what this report could look like in a final form, see 2021 Small Bets Lab Alumni Jessee Steele's report here:

- Viability of Transformative Technology in Community-Based Settings to Support Trauma Recovery, Resilience Building, & Healthy Stress Management

This is a remote position that lasts 6-12 weeks during Summer 2022.

What do we look for in a Small Bets Lab Summer Associate?

- You are enterpuerial at heart, you love testing things and trying many "small bets" to figure out what works
- You take radical ownership: You're an executor, you do what you say and get tasks done
- You love being the go-to person on an important project and ensuring smooth and successful operations of the pilot program
- You love creating the conditions to support others to try new things and experience new value being created
- Experience with design thinking and/or innovation processes or a strong desire to learn and adopt this process
- Comfort working in grassroots community environments, interacting with diverse stakeholders in a respectful manner
- Interest in working with an early-stage nonprofit on a very small team
- Comfort with ambiguous and unpredictable work timelines & environments
- Commitment to racial equity and social justice
- Openness to failure, giving and receiving critical feedback, and learning along the way
- Must be authorized to work in the US

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- You will be asked to submit:
    - Your resume
    - A cover letter
    - A link to an example of past work
    - One reference who can speak to your professional competencies.

If you have any questions, please contact Vichi Jagannathan at Vichi@ruralopportunity.org

CLICK HERE To learn more about the Rural Opportunity Institute Small Bets Lab Internship

About ROI:

Rural Opportunity Institute (ROI), a startup nonprofit based in rural Eastern North Carolina, is seeking a Summer Associate to join our Small Bets Lab team for the summer. Modeled after corporate innovation programs like Google X, Bell Labs, and IBM Extreme Blue, the ROI Small Bets Lab is a container for exploring early-stage, promising but risky ideas that show incredible potential to transform the toughest challenges that rural communities face.

As part of this team, you will explore a promising new idea that has emerged from our grassroots community engagement work, and conduct low-cost research and design activities to help us decide quickly if this is an idea to pursue or kill. Your work will guide the future projects that ROI invests in, and generate insights and solutions that can serve as a model for rural communities across the country to learn from.