

# WCU's no-charge human resources consulting service to continue, broaden

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Western Carolina University will broaden a service-learning initiative that provides human resources consultation free of charge to nonprofits, local governments and small businesses, thanks to a recent University of North Carolina General Administration grant.

Students in the WCU master's degree program in human resources serve as consultants in a 10-week timeframe as part of their coursework. The nearly \$23,000 in funding will be used to create additional partnerships and expand opportunities on a broader scale. A total of 15 new consulting projects are planned to start this year in North Carolina and Tennessee alone.

The service-learning initiative is coordinated by Marie-Line Germain, associate professor of human resources and leadership, who also supervises each student's consulting project.