

Vera Tayeh Innovations & Impact Award

Examples of Field Placement Opportunities/Projects

This list of projects and field sites offers insight regarding the *types* of projects that would be considered strong contenders for the Vera Tayeh Innovations & Impact Award. However, awardees are not expected to establish a social entrepreneurship start up, a non-profit, a grassroots organization, etc. Rather, the award is intended to support awardees for one year as they innovate within an existing field placement, within a lapsed placement they re-establish, or within an entirely new placement they create.

Consultation is available for interested applicants who want to review their idea with the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lab prior to applying.

Social Entrepreneurs, Start Ups & Organizations

- [Benevolence Farm](#) founded by [Tanya Jisa, MSW](#), SIELab Community Education Coordinator
- [Food FWD](#) (now joined with CompostNow) founded by [Sarah Marsh, MSW '12](#)
- [Hope Renovations](#) founded by [Nora Spencer, MSW '17](#), co-developer of SIELab
- [SAYIT Solutions](#) founded by [Karen Kranbuehl, MSW '17, JD](#)
- [Healthy Girls Save the World](#) co-founded by [Camille McGirt](#), UNC MPH Alum & Harvard MBA Candidate
- [Blawesome Flower Farm](#) where [Rebecca Sorensen, MSW '15](#) is the Executive Director
- [Michelle Johnson, MSW '98](#) - activist, author, anti-racism consultant and trainer, intuitive healer, and yoga teacher and practitioner, public servant

Social Innovation Field Sites

- [UNC School of Government: NC Racial Equity Network](#)
- [Children's Home Society: Institute for Families](#), [Matt Anderson, MSW](#)
- [City of Raleigh Economic Development and Innovation](#), [Veronica Creech, MSW '98](#)
- [Carolina Outreach](#), co-founded by [Tom Reid](#) & [Tim Brooks, MSW '96](#)