Overview

Virtual Youth Force Internships will run from June 8-July 31, 2020 and include two distinct phases: Soft Skills Training and Technical Training/Consultancy. All Interns will participate in 45 hours of soft skills and work training. Interns will then be placed in one of two pathways: Technical Training or Consultancy based on preference and preparedness. Each intern will have an opportunity to earn up to $1,000 in award stipends throughout the program with the possibility of earning an Industry Based Credential or certificate. Interns will have a coach to provide guidance and support throughout the program.

Phase 1 - Training (June 8-26)

Interns will learn a variety of skills that will help them contribute and add value to local organizations. Training will include live Zoom sessions and pre-recorded videos and assignments. There will be guest speakers, career panels, and special guests. Additional training topics include:

Soft Skills
- Professional Attitude/Personal Mindset
- Time Management/Planning for Success
- Team Work Ethic/Collaboration
- Core Problem Solving
- Communication
- Social Awareness
- Business Etiquette
- Industry Exposure
- Program Expectations & Human Resources

Technical Training Pathway

Interns in the technical training pathway will complete ~50 hours of training from Operation Spark, New Orleans Technical Training Provider (NOTEP), or New Orleans Video Access Center (NOVAC). Technical Training options include:

- Fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and Javascript
- NCCER Project Management
- Visual Storytelling and Intro to Adobe Mobile and Web-Based Applications

Consultancy Pathway

Interns in the Consultancy pathway will be partnered with local businesses and organizations for 50-hour consultancies. These small groups will work on projects and problems of practice specific to each company. With the help of YouthForce generated playbooks, Project Mentors will give tasks with clear weekly deliverables and provide feedback each week via video calls. The consultancy will end with a Capstone Project, giving the consultancy group a chance to present their learnings and final deliverables to a group of company leaders.

Phase 2 - (June 29-July 31)

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