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Student Internship Program Introductory Overview

Our Mission

The Village School is an **international community** committed to developing inquisitive **life-long learners** prepared to **think** critically, to **collaborate** genuinely, and to **give** of themselves generously, as they prepare to **lead** the next generation into an **ever-changing world**.

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Student Internship Program Mission

The mission of the Village School Student Internship Program is to create, develop, build out and execute student internship programs in partnership with a range of university, industry and public sector entities in support of preparing our students to be responsible, successful 21st Century global citizens.

The 21st Century Challenge

- The challenges and problems that our students will face in their adult lives will be unprecedented in their complexity, global in their scope and interdisciplinary in their application.
- We must therefore teach them with these requirements at the forefront of the development of any academic plan and ensure that all of their "learning experiences" encompass the development of applicable 21st Century skills.

Our Response

- In support of preparing our students to be responsible, successful 21st Century global citizens, The Village School is developing hands-on real world learning opportunities for its students.
- It is doing this by actively establishing partnerships with a range of university, industry and public sector entities.
- Village is committed to making such opportunities available to all students grades 5th – 12th, in various forms, within the next 18 months.

The Program

Our Process for Program Development:

- Researching and reading about existing successful school-based Internship Programs
- Identifying Best Practices
- Delineating Existing Protocols
- Developing dialogue with prospective Internship Providers, "ISD's"
- CAB Conversations

Program Development Challenges:

- Initiative timing
- Market conditions
- Legal challenges and age limitations at certain companies
- Large student population to accommodate

Committed Summer Opportunities To Date:

- Texas Children's Hospital West: 2 students & group visits for 7th & 8th graders (1st: 3/23)
- MITIE: 2 students & fall 2016 group visit
- Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation: 2 students
- David Young & Company/Young Ideas: 2 students
- Henderson Law Firm: 2 students

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In-Program Internship Protocols

- Weekly Check-Ins with both Internship provider and students
- All Internships will require goal-setting by the student and a final descriptive essay of their experience/work
- Review/grading of final essay by applicable Village faculty member
- End of Internship Interviews
- Ongoing Program Refinement

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Next Steps and Timing

- Applications and Resumes due Friday May 6
- Interviews from May 9 to May 20
- Notification of Internship Award May 27
- Mutual Commitment to be made by May 31
- We are in the process of securing additional sponsors...You can assist!

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Contacts and Additional Information

- Questions?
- Links to Documents, Application, etc:
  - ✓ http://www.thevillageschool.com/student-life/internship-program-at-village, etc.
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Thank you!