Strengthen Your Team + Tech with a free virtual MIT Social Impact Intern

Is your organization facing technical challenges? Do you have a wealth of data but are unsure how to best leverage it to advance your organization’s mission? Would you welcome help tackling a project?

MIT’s PKG Center for Public Service is looking for partners like you for virtual social impact internships for summer 2021 and beyond.

The PKG Center’s Social Impact Employment Program connects MIT undergraduate students with internships for challenging opportunities that yield significant impact for your organization and community. These opportunities build students’ skills and support career exploration while working to address social or environmental change. To ensure a broad range of organizations can participate, the PKG Center will (in most cases) fully fund internship positions in summer 2021. Summer internships are typically between 30-40 hours per week for 8-10 weeks, and part-time during the academic year.

Eligible Partners Include:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Public and government agencies
- Social enterprises
- Foundations
- Corporate social responsibility departments

Not sure if you’re a fit? Contact us!

Benefits of Hosting an MIT Intern:

+ Access to MIT students with specialized technical skills at no cost (in most cases)
+ Build your organization’s capacity
+ Make an impact on an emerging young professional and demonstrate the importance of your mission through mentoring
+ Receive ongoing support from PKG staff including assisting with crafting the position, recruiting students, and advising and troubleshooting
+ Build relationships with students and staff and promote your organization and engagement opportunities

“These students were able to apply their considerable technical skill, business intuition, and creative problem-solving abilities to the urgent and practical question of where state and local agencies should offer additional COVID-19 testing facilities amid a rapidly changing landscape.”

-MIT Intern Supervisor (MassHealth)
The PKG Center taps and expands MIT students’ unique skills and interests to prepare them to explore and address complex social and environmental challenges. We educate students to collaborate ethically and effectively with community partners to engage in meaningful public service, today and in their lives beyond MIT.

Recent Social Impact Interns Have:

- Created tools to capture and display COVID-19 data to help state and local health departments identify gaps and challenges.
- Supported the design and creation of the Miami-Dade County’s Sea Level Rise Strategy and assisted with outreach.
- Helped update mobile applications to support community-based care for children with disabilities in low-income areas.

Ready to Get Started?

We are eager to connect with you, discuss your project, and answer your questions. Contact Julie Uva, Program Administrator, at juva@mit.edu if you’re interested in partnering on an internship now or in the future.

“...was meaningful and exciting. Given the unprecedented pandemic, this social impact internship highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration between community health workers, physicians, social justice advocates, and citizens alike.” —MIT Social Impact Intern