Is your organization facing technical challenges as you manage remote work due to COVID-19? Do you have a wealth of data but are unsure how to best leverage it to advance your organization’s mission? Is your website in need of an upgrade?

MIT’s PKG Center for Public Service is looking for partners like you for virtual, part-time social impact internships for fall 2020 and beyond.

The PKG’ Center’s Social Impact Employment Program connects MIT undergraduate students with paid 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 fall 2020. Internships are part-time (8-10 hours per week) in fall and full-time in summer.

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
+ Expand your network and your organization’s reach through special MIT-hosted partner events

“[Our intern] has now become an indispensable member on our team contributing his knowledge and confidence in setting up servers, platforms with which we are unfamiliar, as well as offering an unusual and gifted mixture of patience, clear communication in plain language and python programming skills.”

-MIT Intern Supervisor
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Potential Internship Projects:

- Build or upgrade websites or apps
- Validate, clean, analyze, and visualize data sets
- Develop and manage digital content
- Teach robotics or coding
- Conduct research, and create surveys and reports
- Assist in product development and testing
- Assess market potential for program growth, determine performance reporting measures, and develop strategies to drive improvements

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 develop two mobile applications to support community-based care for children with disabilities in low-income areas.

Ready to Get Started?

We currently have a pipeline of students seeking part-time fall opportunities with organizations like yours and we’re already securing full-time internship experiences for summer 2021. 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.

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