



The **Summer Career Acceleration Program** aims to ensure that rising seniors graduate prepared to enter the workforce with real world experience. The program prepares students for the workforce through a combination of a summer internship, career readiness skills training and a financial literacy workshop. This exciting program can make an enormous impact on these students' futures. Upon completion of the program, participating students will be equipped with the skills that will bolster job opportunities and provide them with a chance for greater long-term success. **Pinellas County Schools** and the **Pinellas Education Foundation** are seeking business partners to host student interns in the Summer Career Acceleration Program.

Quick Facts:

- Students will work 20 hours per week on the days and times that are needed by the employer.
- The student intern will be paid. Intern hosts are asked to support this through a specific donation to the Pinellas Education Foundation.
- Student interns will begin work on or after June 8th and conclude by July 24, 2020.
- Business owners are responsible for:
 - Having a single point of contact for communication
 - Employers new to the program are required to attend a Kick Off Event on February 4th from 5pm-6:30pm at the Pinellas Education Foundation, 12090 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33773
 - Attending a job placement fair in March
 - Attending a parent/intern orientation in April
 - Reinforcing workplace readiness skills in the workplace

Student Intern Profile:

- Rising 12th grade student in Pinellas County Schools, 16-18 years old
- Students who will likely need to work upon high school graduation

Timeline:

- February 4, 2020: Summer Career Acceleration Program Kick Off, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm at the Pinellas Education Foundation
- February 18, 2020: Business Partner Commitment deadline
- March: Job Placement Fairs (North and South County locations)
- April: Student intern and employer orientations (Multiple)



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Frequently Asked Questions

What types of business partners are being sought?

All types of businesses—private, public sector, non-profits, municipalities and more are sought for intern placement.

How will businesses select student interns?

Interns will interview with prospective employers at a Job Fair in March 2020. Placement and selection will be coordinated to match prospective interns with businesses by PCS staff. Business preference will be considered first, but student transportation and business location will also be considered.

Who will supervise the intern? What if there is a problem?

Pinellas County Schools will provide an On-the-Job training teacher as a point of contact for the business. The teacher will visit the worksite during the internship. An employee from the business will supervise the intern on a daily basis. If there are problems, the teacher will work with the business to resolve any concerns.

What type of experience is the student expected to have?

It is expected that the student performs the functions of an entry level position for the employer. Exposure to the entire job site and other positions would be beneficial for the student, but it is not required. It is essential that the employer emphasize job readiness skills, such as communication skills, strong work ethic and technical skills defined in the orientation.

Who can I contact for additional questions?

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How do I register to host an intern?

Fill out this form here: <https://forms.gle/resyckgnzbWr55rc9>



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