

Tech Apprentice

“Our Tech Apprentice student helped prepare, image, and initiate deployment of 80 notebook computers to our customers.”

— Tech Apprentice Supervisor



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Hire a Student Today!

Tech Apprentice is a seven-week, paid summer internship program for tech-savvy Boston public high school students who want to work at local companies. These talented students are considering pursuing IT majors in college, and they need a work-based experience to help them understand the options available to them in the high tech arena.

The program is co-managed by the TechBoston unit of the Boston Public School (BPS) Office of Instructional and Information Technology (OIIT) and the Boston Private Industry Council (PIC), with support from Broadening Advanced Technological Education Center (BATEC).

Students work at companies throughout Boston in a wide range of industries. Assigned projects include but are not limited to:

- helpdesk/ troubleshooting support
- web design and programming
- quality control
- social media and video production

The Boston PIC's TechBoston Employer Account Manager pre-screens applicants and determines a pool of qualified candidates. As the employer, you complete a job profile for the position you are seeking to be filled. The Account Manager will then provide you with the resumes of qualified applicants, and you may choose the candidates whom you wish to interview. Employers are under no obligation to hire any of the applicants.

Prior to the program start date on Monday, July 6, students participate in mandatory business etiquette workshops. The majority of Tech Apprentice students receive an hourly wage of \$10 per hour and work for 35 hours per week.

Results

- 120 students received Tech Apprentice internships in summer 2014 - up from 27 students in 2006
- 98% of Tech Apprentice high school graduates go on to college, with 76% enrolling in four-year college technology majors and two-year college technology career tracks



Tech Apprentice Snapshot

“This is a quality program - from identifying top notch students to prepping them (and us) for the task and then providing great support and follow up. Everything was done efficiently and well.” - Tech Apprentice employer



“This program was one of the best things that ever happened to me. I have learned a lot and I would say to whoever is interested in the computer world -- this is a great place to start. I would proudly recommend this program to anyone.”

- Tech Apprentice supervisor

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- UMass Boston
- Wayfair
- Welch’s

Who: You! Hiring talented Boston public high school students interested in IT majors and careers

What: Summer internships for highly skilled students

Where: At your company’s office

When: Monday, July 6 to Friday, August 21, 2015

Why: Hiring a Tech Apprentice student is a cost-effective way to bring new technical skills into your company, and offers your employees the opportunity to mentor a Boston public high school student. You are also participating in building the technology workforce pipeline in Boston.

Cost: Approx. \$2,500 per student (\$10 per hour, 35 hours per week, for seven weeks). This does not include employer taxes.

Tech Apprentice Job Profiles

Area	Responsibility	Technical Skills
Tech Support & Help Desk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Routine computer maintenance ▪ Troubleshoot hardware/ software issues ▪ Create network cables ▪ Set up new computers ▪ Image PCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MS Office ▪ Software installation ▪ Operating systems ▪ PC hardware ▪ Cisco networking
Web Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assist building new website ▪ Design banners, web pages and graphics ▪ Embed content such as video and audio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HTML or Java coding ▪ Dreamweaver ▪ Photoshop ▪ Website usability/ design
Quality Control (QA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Execute test scripts ▪ Document results/ log bugs ▪ SQA and multi-client testings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JavaScript ▪ SQL and/or Visual Basic ▪ Database experience

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