



2017 Tech Start-Up Fellowship

TXT: Teens Exploring Technology

TXT: Teens Exploring Technology is an award winning, nationally recognized technology based start-up non-profit organization that focuses on inspiring at-risk teens, grades 9th-11th to become confident leaders using technology as a tool to improve marginalized communities. Our focus is to develop young men of color into tech leaders through skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, UX design and code. During the Summer, we partner with the University of Southern California (USC) to immerse the youth into our lean start-up Summer Coding Leadership Academy (SCLA). Teens develop a tech business that focus on solving a social problem in underrepresented communities during SCLA. The White House, City of Los Angeles, Google, Mashable, Re/code, and Inc. Magazine have recognized TXT as an innovative organization.

Tech Start-Up Fellow

You will grow as an individual while inspiring the next generation of tech entrepreneurs to develop solutions for social problems in low-income communities. Throughout 3 months, you will develop skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, and professionalism by managing teen startups with coding, design thinking and the lean start-up methodology that will help you advance your career in the start-up, nonprofit and/or corporate field. You will have the opportunity to help your team pitch in front of top investors from Google, Tinder, Snapchat and A16Z and be eligible for an internship. We look for self-motivated individuals who are willing to learn in a fast paced environment. Bottom line, we need hustlers, quick learners with the eagerness to change the world. Fellows must have a passion for mentoring high school students and positively impacting their lives.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain trusting relationships with all TXT participants;
- Coach, mentor and manage a team of 3-5 youth;
- Assist teams setting and meeting app development goals;
- Assist in creating presentations in core SCLA topics (i.e code, startups, UX design or other);
- Inspire, motivate and coordinate TXT'ers (youth) at workshops and events;
- Connect and build relationships with gurus from top tech startups;
- Build an innovative tech community and bond among youth;
- Work in multiple teams and take on tasks as needed;
- Respond effectively to the daily problems that arise, often with creative solutions; and
- Mentor a student a minimum of 25 hours a week.

Desired Qualifications

- No experience is required, but the ability to learn fast is a must;
- Second and Third year University students preferred, others are welcome;
- Interest in business, entrepreneurship, and or coding/computer science;
- Excellent organization skills and a self-starter who likes being in entrepreneurial settings;
- Interested in coding, innovation and making with technology;



- Demonstrated ability to work well in a fast paced environment; and
- Excellent communication skills and high emotional intelligence

Timeframe

- We recruit in April, with fellows starting as soon their summer vacation start. We are flexible based on your last day of spring semester/quarter system. However we are looking for fellows to start no later than June 14th 2017. We will evaluate the start date on a case-by-case scenario.
- Fellows must be available to attend an online orientation at the end of May 2016. Exact date TBD.
- Fellows must attend a one weekend retreat from May 26th & 27th 2017. (*subject to change*)
- **Deadline to apply is April 7th, 2017.** Fellows are selected on a rolling basis. 21 fellows will be selected for the summer of 2017.

Candidate will need a background check and be willing to work Saturdays; this is a fellowship/internship with a small stipend. Fellows may receive a max of \$800 based on performance and dedication. To apply, visit our online application in the Get to the Fellowship under the Get Involved tab at www.exploringtech.org or email cover letter and resume to **Michael B. Morales** at info@urbantxt.com and title the subject "SCLA Fellow". In your cover letter, please address the following question: What inspires you and why? What makes you an ideal candidate to impact the lives of teens from South Central Los Angeles? For more information see www.exploringtech.org.