

Student Partners (Technology Rep)

Description:

The Student Partners Program is an elite job opportunity offered to technology-enthusiastic students. Individuals that take part in this Microsoft student representative program understand and are passionate about Microsoft technologies and platforms. Traditionally these representatives major in Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, and Information Technology, but all majors are welcome to apply. Participating students share their knowledge and influence others by organizing a number of on-campus activities including technical presentations, and by increasing product awareness on campus.

During the one-year commitment students will help plan, organize and execute launch events, tech-talks and other activities. Student Partners will become the voice of Microsoft on campus; they will be expected to interact with their peers as well as faculty and assist students with use of Microsoft technologies. Time commitment ranges from 6-8 hours/week from September 1st through May 31st (school breaks excluded). The program provides the student with all the tools, materials, and support needed to be successful.

Sample activities that you can expect as a Student Partner:

Tech-talks:

Technology talks are presentations given to a group of students on a specific topic. The program provides speaker notes, PowerPoint decks and/or demo scripts as appropriate. Students are responsible for creating awareness of the talk, driving attendance and presenting. Topics are not always predetermined, as tech-talks are also opportunities for the student to share their knowledge on technologies of interest.

Imagine Cup:

Imagine Cup (www.imaginecup.com) is Microsoft's largest technology competition. It consists of 9 different challenges ranging from film, algorithm to software design. Efforts around Imagine Cup will be centered on driving participation from students. This will include but is not limited, to driving awareness, holding informational sessions and sign-up sessions.

Local Outreach:

As a technology advocate we will encourage students to share their knowledge with others in a way that benefits the community. Whether it is doing technology outreach at local non-profits or visiting high schools to demo new products, we will provide the Student Partner with the tools and support needed to make an impact.

User group connection:

Students participating in the Microsoft Student Partners program are employees of Volt Group Services and not Microsoft Corporation

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User groups meet on a regular basis to discuss and share information on a variety of technical topics. A Student Partner will be responsible for supporting existing computing-related groups at their school or creating new ones.

Access to software:

Microsoft has various programs that help students get free or deeply discounted software at your campus. Student Partners will be responsible for helping raise awareness of these offers and making sure they are working for their fellow students. Programs that students might be asked to help set up or promote are MSDN Academic Alliance and Student Select among others.

Eligibility

Students must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university within the United States, No specific major or degree program is required. Preference will be given to sophomores and juniors, and members of campus or online user groups. All students must have valid identification and be eligible to work in the United States from September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

Qualifications:

Students considered for the program must be

- Passionate about technology
- Able to influence others
- Willing to share knowledge
- Proactive
- Outgoing, well-connected with his/her peers and faculty
- A good presenter, comfortable speaking in front of crowds
- Organized and responsible, independent and collaborative worker

Technical expectations:

- Intermediate knowledge of .NET and Visual Studio
 - Applicants should be able to complete small projects using these technologies and may be asked to demonstrate competency

Intermediate programming skill

- Experience with Windows and other Microsoft technologies
- Motivated to learn and present on new development technologies

Benefits:

Compensation-

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Participants receive a competitive compensation, in exchange for their active participation in the program, the time commitment is about 6-8 hours a week. Student partners are employees of Volt Services Group and as such are paid and employed by Volt. Payment is made four times a year pending good standing in the program.

Job Opportunities-

Students that successfully complete the one-year commitment will be encouraged to apply for internship and full time positions within Microsoft through a special process created for Student Partners.

Access to technology-

As part of the program students will receive a one-year subscription to MSDN (www.msdn.microsoft.com/subscriptions).

Application Deadlines:

April 16th, 2007: Applications process open

- Visit <http://www.student-partners.com> to apply.

May 28th, 2007: Application period closes

June 30th, 2007: Microsoft Student Partners are announced for the 2007-2008 program year.

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