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Ohio Companies Can Discover Top Talent Through State Internship Program

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – Are you an Ohio company looking to hire a fall intern? The State of Ohio will help pay their wages.

The Ohio Department of Development's Diversity & Inclusion Technology Internship Program supports technology companies, or companies with a technology need, in hiring diverse talent. Not only that, but the program will pay for two-thirds of the intern's salary.

"Inclusivity drives creativity, and our internship program is a platform for companies to harness that creativity for their benefit," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. "Through this program, companies not only gain access to diverse skill sets, but by expanding and improving their technology, they're helping us to further position the state as the heart of innovation."

The Ohio Third Frontier, a program in the Ohio Department of Development, will reimburse companies for two-thirds of an intern's wages up to \$7,500. Companies can hire up to four interns per round and be reimbursed up to \$30,000. The program is accepting company applications through Sept. 1.

Through 12 rounds of the program, 860 interns have been hired. Of those, 81% have been African American, Asian, Hispanic, other ethnicities, and white females.

Intern experience encompasses all areas of study, ranging from marketing and design, to engineering, mathematics, and software development. Interns have helped companies create mobile apps, websites, develop social media platforms, conduct market research, develop new AR and VR technologies, and implement new software to modernize operations, accounting and enhance cybersecurity.

Internships for this round can occur between Nov. 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024. The student application period will open Sept. 5. Interested students and companies can join the mailing list to be notified.

For more information and to apply, visit <u>TechIntern.Development.Ohio.Gov</u>.

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