



Unlock your potential: Summer tech internships

Apply for DPI's paid summer micro-internship program!

- Build your resume with **real-world work experience**
- Experience a **professional work environment**
- Learn about a variety of **technical jobs**
- Engage in **professional networking**
- Discover the vast **Chicago Tech Ecosystem**

Program details

- Session runs June 1-Aug. 12, 2026
- Participants will be matched to organization-specific projects for the full internship period
- Commitment is 5 half-days per week – 3 half-days per week on site with the Host and 2 half-days with DPI
- 2-year and 4-year college freshmen and sophomores are eligible
- **Participants will be paid for their time, ~\$16 per hour for 20 hours per week**



Proposed schedule

Monday (half-day) at DPI

- Co-working
- Project Support
- Advising/Mentoring
- Professional Skills Development

Tuesday (half-day) at Host Site

- Project Supervision
- Workplace experience
- Job Shadowing
- Networking

Wednesday (half-day) at Host Site

- Project Supervision
- Workplace experience
- Job Shadowing
- Networking

Thursday (half-day) at Host Site

- Project Supervision
- Workplace experience
- Job Shadowing
- Networking

Friday at DPI/ Partner (9am-1 pm)

- Workshops
- Company Visits/ Field Trips
- Chicago Tech Networking

**Optional day*

Eligibility

- Open to college students (18-24 years old) that have completed their freshman or sophomore year of study by start of program
- Must have US work authorization and have a Chicago address
- May be enrolled in any college or university, including community colleges
- To be considered, students must fill out an application and participate in an interview [students will receive an invitation if selected to move forward]



Program timing

- Applications: open February 1
- Applications due: April 1
- Rolling interviews complete: April 10
- Project Pitch Day: April 13
- Program invitations: Week of May 6
- Project kickoff meetings (virtual): week of May 25
- Program dates: June 1 – August 12
- Closing Ceremony/Project Showcase: August 12

