

# July 2025 Newsletter

# **Internships & Entry-Level Jobs**

The Aerospace Corporation, Atlassian, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Capital Group, Meta, Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, Reddit, Salesforce, The Trade Desk, & USAA

What do these companies have in common?

These are just a few of the amazing companies where our Scholars have secured summer internships and entry-level jobs!

If your company offers paid internships and entry level roles, we have vetted skilled talent ready to make a valued contribution to your team. Please contact Jasmyn at jasmyn@stemadvantage.org to discuss your hiring needs. *Thank you!* 

Sharing a few photos from new graduates and summer internships...



"Thank you STEM Advantage for the support throughout my college journey. I'm incredibly grateful to have been part of such an empowering community that has helped me grow both personally and professionally. From workshops and career guidance to mentorship, every resource has been truly invaluable!"

- Tiffany earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science with a minor in Data Science and was Valedictorian at Cal Poly Pomona.



"STEM Advantage has been a big part of my college journey even though I joined during my junior year in college. It was the time that I felt lost career-wise. Fortunately, with their resources and programs, they helped me build confidence, connect with my mentor, and push me to do things I didn't think I was capable of. Through resume reviews, mock interviews, and professional panels, they prepared me for the current challenging job search. The scholarship alleviated my financial burden, helping me to focus more on my education and personal growth. I'm truly grateful to Lee Ann, Tania, Jasmyn, and Beatriz. They are an amazing team at STEM Advantage. There is no doubt that they have supported me greatly throughout my last two years of college." - Van earned a bachelor's degree in Information Technology at Cal State



"STEM Advantage was incredibly resourceful in my journey navigating college, supporting me during times when I otherwise would have felt I had no backing. Beyond their amazing scholarship opportunities, STEM Advantage consistently looked out for me and other students by providing job scouting and networking opportunities, both of which opened doors for me to flourish in my career. I would recommend STEM Advantage to any eligible student. They're incredible, and the staff are some of the most hardworking and generous people I've ever met."

Dominguez Hills.

 Ryan earned a bachelor's degree in Information Systems at San Diego State University. He had an internship at





Qualcomm, and is now a Product Manager II at Walmart Global Tech.

"My internship at Meta in New York this summer has been an amazing experience. I've gotten the chance to explore the city, try a bunch of new things, and connect with some really inspiring people. On top of that, I've learned so much and grown both personally and professionally. It's been a summer to remember!"

- Dominic is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at San Diego State University.



"This summer I had the opportunity to work with J.F. Shea Construction in the Water Division. Their office is located in Walnut, California. I learned to use various software commonly used by civil engineers and estimators. I learned about the project bidding process and networking with subcontractors and suppliers. I saw the attention to detail, critical thinking and teamwork needed to bid on million-dollar projects. I had a great time here, I learned from many amazing engineers."

- Jessica is earning a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at Cal State LA.





"This summer, I'm interning with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), my career goal in civil engineering. This opportunity was only possible because of the STEM Advantage. I was first paired with a mentor from LADWP and encouraged to attend the SHPE Conference with admission paid for and useful training to help prepare me for making meaningful connections there. I connected directly with LADWP engineers and recruiters during this. In addition to this internship, I'm honored to be recognized by my university for my academic performance, leadership, and achievements in engineering competitions. I'm grateful for the guidance and resources that have helped shape this chapter of my journey."

- Kirby is earning a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at Cal State Long Beach.



"STARZ has been taking phenomenal care of me. There are guest speakers from the company every week, plenty of new and different people to learn from, and I'm finally working on real problems instead of test questions. I've found IT to be so much more interesting than I expected as well. I've always believed that IT is a great starting point for anyone looking to get into the tech industry since you can take care of your own problems and help others in any field, and I think that mindset has helped me a lot too. In a little while, we're even doing a team-bonding escape room for all the interns, which is really sweet."

- Sean is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Cal State Fullerton. He has a summer internship at STARZ Entertainment.









# 13 THANNUAL STEM ADVANTAGE GALA

CALIFORNIA CLUB SEPT 4, 2025

JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING EVENING CELEBRATING THE POWER OF OPPORTUNITY AND STEM!

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Please join us for an unforgettable evening of inspiration, connection, and purpose.

Our 13th Annual STEM Advantage Gala will be held at the iconic California Club in downtown Los Angeles – bringing together industry leaders, community partners, educators, and advocates who share one powerful mission: creating access and opportunity for the next generation of STEM leaders.

Buy your tickets now: <a href="https://bit.ly/stemgala2025">https://bit.ly/stemgala2025</a>

This year's gala features inspiring stories from our scholars and alumni, an elegant dinner, and the chance to connect with other changemakers shaping the future of tech and innovation. Net proceeds from the evening directly support scholarships and career programs that open doors, level the playing field, and break generational cycles of poverty.

Your attendance is more than a night out – it's an investment in young talent who will solve tomorrow's challenges.

We are also hosting both online and live auctions filled with exclusive experiences and one-of-a-kind items. The online auction opens August 15.

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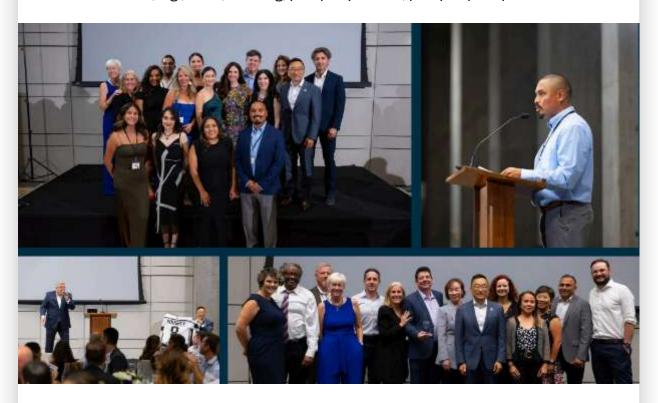
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# We also need Auction Items!

If you would like donate an item for our online and live auctions, please contact Cindy McKenzie at <a href="mailto:cindy@stemadvantage.org">cindy@stemadvantage.org</a>. A few ideas...

• Vacation homes or time shares for a 3 to 7 day stay

- Tickets or Box Seats for sporting events, concerts, plays or musicals, the Hollywood Bowl, etc.
- Experiences, e.g., studio tours, theme parks
- Wine tastings
- Cooking lessons
- Sports memorabilia, Golf lessons/experiences, etc.
- Electronics such as a laptop, MAC, iPad, Apple AirPods
- Gift baskets, e.g., wine, cooking, pamper yourself, pamper your pet



## **Invest in STEM Talent**

Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. STEM Advantage Scholars have the talent, grit, and ambition to succeed -- they just need someone to open the door. Your investment and generosity can provide internships and vital career-building experiences, mentors, scholarships, and community for primarily first-generation and low-income students. Together, we can unlock potential and change lives.

Please join us in creating opportunities for those who need it most. We sincerely appreciate your support.

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