

Members of the business community:

On behalf of the Office of Economic Development, I would like to invite you to join the community of employers who are investing in the future workforce by hosting local youth interns this summer. Internships are a valuable way for young people to explore career possibilities beyond what they may currently consider—and help them gain confidence, competencies, and the drive to thrive beyond school.

Our internship program connects employers with local-area youth, ages 16-24, who are currently enrolled in job readiness programs and are getting ready to make the leap from school to college or career.

Beyond positively impacting the life of a young person, past participants have experienced the benefits of:

- · Receiving extra help on relevant projects
- · Implementing new ideas through fresh eyes
- · Giving staff management experience by supervising interns
- · Fostering a workplace culture of mentorship and inclusivity

Are you ready to unlock opportunities for young people?

Our partners at Educurious will help you design a meaningful internship experience that benefits your company <u>and</u> deserving, motivated young people in the Seattle area. We would be happy to have a conversation with you about the initiative. Please email <u>youthemployment@educurious.org</u> or call Blake Konrady at 206-402-4489 to hear more.

With gratitude,

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