Help young professionals build their college and career portfolios

Join a growing number of employers who are turning the city of Denver into a classroom by providing career-shaping internships. The DPS Launch Internship Program is radically changing opportunities for Denver’s youth and addressing the skills gap within our state. Our staff will support you as you plan for your interns as well as support the students as they prepare to enter your company. We’ll also cover the logistics including worker’s compensation, transportation, and more.

CareerLaunch Program Stats:

- **15-18 years old** average student age
- **100 hours** total length of the internship
- **Sept 10-Dec 14** internship dates for Fall 2018
- **450** CareerLaunch interns in 2017-2018
- **$1,100** cost to companies per student (limited scholarships available for non-profits)

How It Works:

1. **Get Started**
   - Read the 2018 Get Started Guide and fill out an Internship Development form (available through our office).

2. **Prep for an Intern**
   - Schedule a fingerprinting session for intern supervisors. Interview potential interns and select your top candidates. Determine a project for the intern that will contribute to your company’s bottom line.

3. **Receive Support**
   - We offer a robust support system to help our business partners before and during the internship program.

4. **Reap the Benefits**
   - Students bring industry knowledge and are ready to do real work. You will help change a student’s life!

2017-2018 Results:

- **91% of supervisors** said the student contributed productive work within the first two weeks
- **96%** intern retention rate and **95%** average performance evaluation score
- **37,000** Hours worked by students
- **89%** of employers felt the intern was well-prepared
- **97%** intern retention rate
- **97%** of supervisors said they hoped their company continues to participate in the program

Initial data shows Launch interns are **3 times** more likely to graduate on time

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