



Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Northern Virginia Regional Node (CCI NoVa Node) *Internship Experience*

CCI NoVa Node offers rising high school seniors and rising 1st year college/university students an opportunity to engage in cyber related industries through an internship experience. The goal of the cyber initiative is to expand the cyber talent pipeline by reaching students in high school and early college as they explore the possibility of a career in cyber industries, and to prepare them to enter the cyber workforce of the future.

This opportunity includes a \$2000 stipend provided by CCI NoVa Node for a 7-week program to include fundamental professional skills training and practice, and placement with a cyber related industry to gain understanding of cyber initiatives in Northern Virginia. Cyber related fields include cyber security, information technology, data analysis, network security, programming and testing.

The CCI NoVa Node internship entails two main components

- 1) Fundamental professional skills development - Students develop and refine fundamental professional skills including collaboration, communication, project management and professionalism through a 2-week training program at the Children's Science Center. These skills are critical to be an effective member of any work team.
- 2) Cyber-related industry knowledge - Students gain a greater understanding of real-life experiences in cyber fields through a 5-week placement in cyber related businesses.

The CCI NoVa Node experience will help focus student professional and career goals, and position them for successful employment upon graduation. Students participating in the CCI NoVa Node program will gain:

- An understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of a young professional entering the workforce.
- An opportunity to develop, refine, and apply fundamental professional skills such as communication and collaboration in order to be a productive member of a professional team
- An opportunity to explore a career path in a cyber field and to understand the culture and organizational structure of a cyber related business.
- A deeper understanding of how their academic knowledge is useful to an employer

For more information and/or to join the program, please contact Sue Fajer (internships@childsci.org).



To apply for the CCI NoVa Node Internship, students must:

- ✓ Submit a resume and cover letter to the Children's Science Center through internships@childsci.org

PLUS

- ✓ Submit the completed application by 5:00 pm on April 18, 2021
<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehq6u03rkmexc9qd/start>
- ✓ Interview with the Director of Experience and Senior Manager for the Children's Science Center and their designees
- ✓ Commit to your availability for the 7-week program starting in mid-June, 2021 and ending in mid-August, 2021.

Questions about the CCI NoVa Node Internship or the application process should be emailed to internships@childsci.org.

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