Global Innovations Team

An Industry Mentoring Opportunity at TU Dublin

TU Dublin's new internship opportunity, **Global Innovation Teams**, connects professionals with students from across our University and the wider Community.

Within Global Innovation Teams, small teams of students from different Schools in TU Dublin will undergo a virtual internship working on a technology-driven project provided by NGOs, Charities or Companies. In the short-term, students who participate on the programme are supported into meaningful, sponsored internships during their studies. Ultimately, Global Innovation Teams aims at providing students with the skills required by employers with a special focus on the skills needed for effective remote working and leading them on a path towards rewarding careers after graduation.

Global Innovation Teams aims at mimicking the work environment of a small start-up company. NGOs, Charities or Companies will provide the ideas for the projects and act as clients for the students. Academic mentors from the School of Computer Science, Grangegorman will provide students with technical support. Industry professionals will share their expertise in project management and team working. A Team Coordinator will ensure the implementation and communication between all the actors involved runs smoothly. Alongside mentoring, students will also benefit from a range of career development workshops.

The overall goal of Global Innovation Teams is to design a flexible and inclusive model for internships that can be adapted to face disruptions of context such as COVID19 while establishing valuable connections between professionals, students and the wider Community.

What will an Industry Mentor do?

Industry mentors will join up with one team of students each.

While students will be in charge of the full development of the project, including its management, the Industry Mentors will share their knowledge and experience on project management and team work, offer guidance on how to monitor the quality of the results and provide a business angle to the project.

Why become a mentor?

Mentoring should a be mutually rewarding experience for both mentor and mentee. Mentoring helps professionals to:

- Improve communications skills
- Reinforce knowledge
- Enhance experience and broaden learning
- Gain a sense of fulfillment and growth
- Improve leadership skills

Commitment

Each Industry Mentor will detail their commitment with the students and the Team Coordinator at the early stages of the implementation. We estimate the mentoring activities will take up to 2 hours of work per week for 6 months. Industry mentors will be asked to fill in surveys to evaluate the quality of the programme's implementation halfway and upon the completion of the internship.

Indicative Timeframe

Each Industry Mentor will be assigned a team at the end of **January 2022***
Mentoring will take place between **February and July 2022***
First survey on the quality the internship: **April 2022***
Second survey on the quality the internship: **July 2022***
*Dates above are tentative

Who should apply?

Junior professionals in the IT sector who are interested in the early career development of students and in developing mentoring skills.

How to apply

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