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Winter 2009 Internship Program

Samasource's mission is to reduce poverty by connecting people to dignified, computer-based work. We empower the world's untapped talent - from refugees in Kenya to women in rural Pakistan - to deliver quality internet-based services, such as data entry and basic programming. Our clients range from low-income entrepreneurs in New Jersey to nonprofits and start-ups in the Silicon Valley.

Our Method : First, we screen and select Service Partners who employ local people to provide services, relying on stringent social impact and quality criteria that verify our partners' technical abilities and commitment to social responsibility. Our partners are located in the poorest regions of the world, where skilled workers face unemployment rates of up to 70 percent. Next, we provide our partners with service-specific training and prepare them to further train their own staff using live sample projects and web-based tools. Finally, we market our partners' services to paying clients through a website and sales team based in San Francisco.

How You Can Help : As a start-up social enterprise that commenced operations in 2008, we are currently recruiting MBA and undergraduate interns to assist the leadership team in San Francisco, CA. Selected interns must be current students or recent graduates pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, with a demonstrated interest in technology, business, or social enterprise. Candidates may choose one of the following focus areas, and will have some flexibility in designing projects with members of our staff:

1. Sales
2. Engineering
3. Marketing and advertising
4. Service Partner relations

If you are interested in working as an intern or have any questions, please send an email to info@samasource.org with a summary of your interest and availability, as well as a recent CV. Please include "Winter Internship" in the subject line. A minimum commitment of 8 weeks is required, with at least 10 hours per week in our San Francisco offices. We aim to fill 3-4 positions by early November 2009.

Benefits : As part of a young, dynamic organization, you'll benefit from direct engagement with Samasource's management team and enjoy a large degree of project ownership and responsibility. Our advisory board includes luminaries in the fields of social enterprise, technology, and development such as Premal Shah, President of Kiva; Mohamoud Jibrell, CIO of the Ford Foundation, and Katherine Barr, a partner at Mohr Davidow Ventures. You may also choose to contribute to thought leadership by writing for our blog, participating in social media campaigns, or working on academic research.

About Us : Our headquarters are in San Francisco, where we share office space with Inveneo, a nonprofit that builds computing infrastructure in rural areas. Please visit www.samasource.org to learn more.