

Independent Internship Proposal

In the Gray Ghost Ventures Independent Internship Program, students identify areas of interest and design their own work plan under a mentor or mentor group. The internship may vary in length, but may not exceed twelve (12) weeks within the fiscal year. Candidates are encouraged to provide a project proposal according to the outline below on topics within the venture philanthropy or social enterprise sector.

Submissions that report new and innovative practice within the social enterprise community will be particularly welcome although no restriction is placed on what we mean by innovation in this context. We wish to encourage submissions from contributors who believe that what they are doing, or have done, is novel and different and/or who are actively involved in researching the contributions of such practice. As appropriate to the nature of the paper, contributions should demonstrate a critical approach to practice and sound a conceptual or evidence base.

Independent Internship Proposal Format

I. PROJECT TITLE/STUDENT NAME/COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY NAME

II. OBJECTIVE

Succinctly describe the objective of your project

III. DESCRIPTION

Background

Describe the issue or opportunity that you plan to address/research. Give relevant background including need and importance. Who is this project serving and how? How is the project furthering the mission of Gray Ghost Ventures or Gray Matters Capital?

Study Area

Describe the study area. Why was this area chosen/why important?

IV. PLAN OF ACTION

Proposed Tasks

Describe the major tasks and data requirements that you will need to accomplish to complete the project. Write briefly about data that is available in digital form versus data that you may have to collect/develop for the project. Are there other agencies/organizations that you will have to coordinate with?

Deliverables

What are the finished products that you will create or deliver to the client? This may be data layers created, reports generated, models developed, maps produced.

Timeline

Lay down a timeline for completing various stages of the project.

V. OVERSIGHT

Describe the ideal staff person or a specific GGV/GMC employee that you would like to oversee this project.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All applications are reviewed by a committee of staff members at Gray Matters Capital and Gray Ghost Ventures.

Please email applications and all required documents below to interns@grayghostventures.com by Friday, April 16th 2010. Be sure to reference Independent Internship Proposal in the subject header.

- Cover letter describing how your past experience and interest in social enterprise
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation (1)
- Professional references (3)
- Copy of Unofficial Transcripts
- Completed GGV application (to download a copy of the application, please visit <http://www.graymatterscap.com/advancing-knowledge/portfolio/internship-program>)
- Project Proposal (as outlines above)

*Incomplete application packages and late submissions may not be considered. Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

For more information on the Internship Program please visit www.graymatterscap.com.

Proposal should be a maximum of 3-pages