



## **2018 Tech Start-Up Fellowship**

### **TXT: Teens Exploring Technology**

TXT: Teens Exploring Technology is an award winning, nationally recognized technology based start-up non-profit organization that focuses on inspiring at-risk teens, grades 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> to become confident leaders using technology as a tool to improve marginalized communities. Our focus is to develop young men of color into tech leaders through skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, UX design and code. During the summer, we partner with the University of Southern California (USC) to immerse the youth into our lean start-up Summer Coding Leadership Academy (SCLA). Teens develop a tech business that focus on solving a social problem in underrepresented communities during SCLA. The White House, City of Los Angeles, Google, Mashable, Re/code, and Inc. Magazine have recognized TXT as an innovative organization.

### **Tech Start-Up Fellow**

The Fellows are a vital element to the success of our Summer Coding Leadership Academy. As a fellow you will inspire the next generation of tech entrepreneurs to develop solutions for social problems in low-income communities. You will assist in teaching teens coding, design thinking and the lean start-up methodology. You will have the opportunity to manage a teen tech-start up and help your team pitch in front of top investors, including A16Z partners. All fellows will have the opportunity to learn from top entrepreneurs, investors, and tech mentors. However, our best fellows will be selected to visit companies such as Google, Tinder, Snapchat, and other top start-ups in California. We are looking for self-motivated individuals who are willing to learn in a fast paced environment. Bottom line, we need hustlers, quick learners with the eagerness to change the world. Fellows must have a passion for mentoring high school students and positively impacting their lives.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Develop and maintain trusting relationships with all TXT participants;
- Coach, mentor and manage a team of 3-5 youth;
- Assist teams setting and meeting app development goals;
- Assist in creating presentations in core SCLA topics (i.e code, startups, UX design or other);
- Inspire, motivate and coordinate TXT'ers (youth) at workshops and events;
- Connect and build relationships with gurus from top tech startups;
- Build an innovative tech community and bond among youth;
- Work in multiple teams and take on tasks as needed;
- Respond effectively to the daily problems that arise, often with creative solutions; and
- Mentor a student a minimum of 25 hours a week.

### **Desired Qualifications**

- No experience is required, but the ability to learn fast is a must;
- Second and Third year University students preferred, others are welcome;
- Interest in business, entrepreneurship, innovation, and/or coding/computer science;
- Excellent organization skills and a self-starter who likes being in entrepreneurial settings;
- Demonstrated ability to work well in a fast paced environment; and
- Excellent communication skills and high emotional intelligence

### **Timeframe**

- Start date is flexible based on your last day of spring semester/quarter system. However we are looking for fellows to start no later than June 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. We will evaluate the start date on a case-by-case scenario.
- Fellows must attend mandatory trainings. Dates TBD.
- Fellows are selected on a rolling basis. 25 fellows will be selected for the summer of 2017.

Candidate will need a background check and be willing to work Saturdays. Email cover letter and resume to **Alex Ruiz at [programs@urbantxt.com](mailto:programs@urbantxt.com)** and title the subject "SCLA Fellow". In your cover letter, please address the following question: What inspires you and why? What makes you an ideal candidate to impact the lives of teens from South Central Los Angeles? For more information see [www.exploringtech.org](http://www.exploringtech.org)