

WorkTeen. Learn. Create. Serve.

WorkTeen is an initiative started by high school students that helps their peers find volunteering, internship and research positions in Mumbai, Bangalore and Jaipur. The website, www.workteen.org, has been operational for 5 months now and has seen close to 2000+ users.

The process that WorkTeen follows involves collecting information from the concerned organisation, posting the information as a listing under one of the four sections on the website (Research, Intern, Volunteer and Participate), configuring a form system that requests the applicants for relevant details and then forwards it to an email address provided by the organisation. It is left completely open to the organisation to decide the candidate profile, commitment and nature of work. The only expectation is that the internship must offer some hands on experience and not be restricted to mere observation of the task. Every listing on WorkTeen is carefully crafted by the founding team.

Past and current partners include Make-A-Wish Foundation, India, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, Affimity, Udaan Foundation, Saibaba Telefilms, etc.

WorkTeen believes that providing internships at companies would give high school students a chance to have a position of responsibility. Working at an organisation, even for a short period of time would provide them with opportunities to use their talents and abilities to help out. Both the organisation and the candidate would be benefited. The former would have the candidate's

skills at hand, and would be able to use them, and since the candidate is part of a younger generation, they would be more open and inclined to produce unconventional and innovative ideas that would greatly benefit the organisation. On the other hand, having work experience at an organisation would give candidates and students a sense of responsibility, and give them an idea of how the workplace operates, and the conventions that must be followed at one. It can help the student build a better college profile, and internships in their chosen field can help them decide career paths later on.

Many students have skills that include, but are not limited to: Social Media Management, Journalism, Graphic design, Advertisement Design, and Blogging. Occasionally, students can also help with Information Technology related positions.

Quick facts:

In operation since - 15th October 2015.

Number of founders - 4 (All high school students)

Number of cities we are present in - 3 (Mumbai, Bangalore, Jaipur)

Unique users till date - 2040

Number of workteen's webpages viewed - 11,000

Number of partner organisations - 25+ (Current and former)

Opportunities currently online - 40

Average number of applications per opportunity - 2

Total number of volunteer hours - 4000

Peak post reach on Facebook - 1,300 people

Applications received from:

- 1) Dhirubhai Ambani International School
- 2) Delhi Public School, RK Puram For research internships in Mumbai
- 3) Delhi Public School, Dwarka For research internships in Mumbai
- 4) Amity International School For research internships in Mumbai
- 5) Jamnabai Narsee School
- 6) Oberoi International School
- 7) Podar International School
- 8) SVKM International School
- 9) Jayshree Periwal International School

10)Hiranandani Foundation School