

Pharo Management: Summer Internship Application

Application Submissions Due: Friday, June 14th

Internship Week: Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 2nd

The Pharo Summer Internship Program is designed with the intention of providing a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted departments within a hedge fund, promising to be both informative and enriching for attendees.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Junior or Senior in High School OR College Student
- GPA of 3.3 or higher

General Information:

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Application Questions: (1-2 paragraphs each)

1. Tell us about yourself – Please share your background, any extracurricular activities you are part of, and your hobbies.

I am Jamaican born and I came to the United States during covid at the age of 12 years old. During the time I spent at home I developed greater interest in reading, baking and painting. All of those creative hobbies have stuck with me and are now very important to my daily life. Almost every week I find myself skimming goodreads for new books to read and, if given sufficient time, can devour a book in one day. Baking has also grown with me, and transformed itself into general cooking so I now sometimes help cook dinner for my family on the weekends or on holidays. As for painting, it's grown more from a hobby to something I actively pursue in and outside of school and I now consider it as something I could make a career out of.

At present my extracurricular activities include volleyball, my school's computing team, piano, and an afterschool computer science program called Google Code Next. My school's

computing team participates in the American Computer Science League and next year I will be the Junior Head of the Club. In regards to the afterschool program, I have been and currently am, working on a website called Jamdown for the purpose of connecting Jamaicans abroad with their culture and the life they had to leave behind. It is currently published on Github pages. I have attached the link for convenience :

<https://naarmc2.github.io/jamdown-website/home.html>

2. Subjects of Interest – Tell us about the subjects you are most interested in and why they captivate you.

I am most captivated by computer science and the arts. As indicated by my hobbies, I am more inclined to activities that require creativity or consuming creative works. The areas of computer science and the arts allow for just that. My first interest in computer science stemmed from an interest in video games, and I can remember that even from before I migrated to the states, I was a huge fan of role-playing games that allowed for customization of characters and exploration of worlds. I found myself drawn to the art of those worlds, which later inspired me to start drawing, however, I knew nothing about the intricacy of the coding that went on behind the scenes. When I started highschool, I signed up for a yearlong computer science course thinking I would be exposed to game development. That did not happen. Instead I learned python, and abstract data types, modules, object oriented programming and a list of other computer science building blocks. Yet, instead of being displeased, I found myself intrigued and engaged by the challenge provided by this new subject. And later on in the course when we started working on projects and made a Wordle and Ping Pong game, my hopes for game development did come true.

3. Program Interest – Why is this internship program of interest to you? What do you hope to gain from it?

My interest in the Pharo internship program stems from a desire to acquaint myself with the world of finance and learn more about how businesses operate. My focus has really been on arts and computer science and I believe that this internship can help me to round myself out a bit more. I hope to gain from this experience skills related to risk assessment, best practices for investments and a good sense of money management because they are all applicable to my own finances and it is increasingly important as I get closer to going to college.

Exposure to Programs/Technologies

Please indicate whether you have experience with any of the following programs (Please check the boxes for Yes or No):

- Excel – **No**
- Microsoft Outlook – **No**
- PowerPoint – **No**
- General Coding – **Yes**

Video Submission (OPTIONAL):

Challenge Topic: Tell us about a challenge you believe the world is facing in the next decade. (Max 3 minutes) Please provide a link to your video submission or attach it to your application if the format allows.

Additional Inquiries

Please be sure to answer the brief questions below. (Please check the boxes for Yes or No):

- Are you a current A Better Chance Scholar or College Alum? – **Yes**
- If selected to participate, will you be able to bring in your own laptop to work out of? – **Yes**
- Will you need monetary support with reimbursement for transportation costs? – **Yes**
- Will you be able to commit to the internship week (07/29-08/02) & its hours (7:30AM to 1:30PM)? – **Yes**