ABOUT THE PROGRAM:
The Virginia Space Grant Consortium in partnership with Virginia’s Regional Technology Councils and in collaboration with Virginia’s colleges and community colleges is offering the Commonwealth STEM Industry Internship Program (CSIIP). CSIIP provides an online system through which undergraduate students majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines at Virginia higher education institutions can make one application package for paid internship positions that will be considered by companies across the state. There is no cost to students or companies to participate. Funding for CSIIP is being provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Virginia residents attending an accredited out-of-state college may apply.

HOW IT WORKS:
Students will provide a single comprehensive package that includes a detailed online application, resume, letters of reference and fall transcripts. Students may indicate interest in specific companies or internships. They can also indicate interest statewide or by geographic region for broadest consideration. The CSIIP database is searchable, allowing companies to make the best possible matches to the specific skills needed. The CSIIP tool can readily be used by existing internship programs to offer an enhanced pool of applicants. Colleges and companies can co-brand their programs with CSIIP.

All placements for this first year of the program will be for summer 2013. Companies will directly hire interns. Internships will be for 20 – 40 hours per week, typically for a 10 – 12 week period, and at a minimum pay range of $10 - $15 per hour.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:
CSIIP participants must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.7 on a 4-point scale and must have sophomore status at the conclusion of the spring 2013 semester. Seniors graduating in spring 2013 will also be considered. More details will be provided on the CSIIP website upon program announcement.

COMPANY INVOLVEMENT:
Companies can register for participation and enter internship information beginning September 4, 2012. The system will be opened to students for application beginning November 1, 2012. Student applications will close on January 31, 2013. The CSIIP database will be opened to participating companies for hiring on February 11, 2013.

ABOUT VIRGINIA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM
Virginia Space Grant Consortium is a coalition of Virginia universities, NASA Centers, state agencies and other organizations with a strong interest in STEM education, workforce development and research. The Consortium undertakes a wide range of STEM programming from precollege through higher education, including internship programs that have placed more than 4,000 students in paid industry and federal internship positions. Learn more about the Consortium at www.vsgc.odu.edu.

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