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Discover Digital student internship programme receives support from seven local companies

Startup Guernsey and the Digital Greenhouse are delighted to partner with seven of the island's leading companies to offer the first Discover Digital student internships this summer in Guernsey.

Over 40 applicants applied for the scheme, with a total of 11 students selected after interview to take part in the programme. Successful candidates include students from Ladies College, Elizabeth College, The Grammar School Sixth Form Centre and The College of Further Education. Some are still in full time secondary education whilst others are at University studying towards degrees in computer science, maths, electronic engineering and sustainable product design.

The five-week paid summer internship has been designed specifically for the island's post-16 students at Sixth Form, CoffE or university who are passionate about the digital world and seeking to work on projects for local employers on their digital projects.

Running from 17th July until 18th August 2017, participating companies employing interns for one-week and five-week projects include KPMG, Sure, the States of Guernsey, First Central Group, PwC, Healthspan and JT.

JT are delighted to have recently signed up to support the scheme and Tamara O'Brien, Deputy Managing Director, Guernsey at JT, said:

"We are delighted to be supporting this important programme. As the only locally owned telecoms provider in the Channel Islands, we are acutely aware of the need to nurture homegrown talent in the digital sector.



This scheme is not only a great way to offer invaluable on-the-job training but we've made sure we've identified a project that a student can own, grow with and complete from start-finish during their placement, to ensure they have rich and rewarding experience here with us at JT."

Facilitating the internships will be staff from Startup Guernsey, the Digital Greenhouse and The Potting Shed.

There is still time for any other local employer to join the scheme and provide an internship for local students who have a range of digital skills. Interested employers should contact Startup Guernsey at info@startup.gg.

For more information visit <http://www.startup.gg/events> or <http://www.digitalgreenhouse.gg/discover-digital/internship/>

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About Startup Guernsey

Startup Guernsey has provided advice and resources to entrepreneurs and new businesses in Guernsey for more than 15 years. Its mission is to create, facilitate and enable entrepreneurship in the island.

The organisation provides a one-stop shop for business advice by drawing on the skills and expertise of its network of mentors and advisors and providing advice on everything from initial concept to growth and development. It also hosts a series of events, including "Meet the Experts" talks as well as a series of events for Global Entrepreneurship Week every November.

Startup Guernsey's current board of directors comprises: Jennifer Strachan, Carl Symes, Tony Brassell, Meriel Lenfestey, Jason Moriarty and Andrea Dudley Owen. Startup Guernsey is based at the Digital Greenhouse at Rectory House in Market Square, St Peter Port. Startup Guernsey can be contacted on 710043 or via info@startup.gg <http://www.startup.gg>