## Campus Philly to Award $20,000 to Black and Brown College Students in Underpaid or Unpaid Tech Internships

*The Campus Philly Tech Scholars award is part of the Most Diverse Tech Hub initiative, spearheaded by the City of Philadelphia.*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA (September 28, 2021)**—Campus Philly, the economic development organization whose mission is to fuel inclusive economic growth by empowering diverse college students and recent graduates to explore, live and work in Greater Philadelphia, has announced that it will award $20,000 to 20 Black and brown college students who have participated in an unpaid or underpaid tech or tech-adjacent internship in Philadelphia during the summer or fall of 2021. Named the Campus Philly Tech Scholars, this program is part of the City of Philadelphia's Most Diverse Tech Hub Initiative. College students who qualify for the scholarship will be eligible to receive $1,000 each as part of this initiative, which will further support students in their budding tech careers.

"Campus Philly is committed to supporting equitable workforce development strategies across the City and region," said Campus Philly President Dr. Jennifer Kebea. "We hope our broader participation in the Most Diverse Tech Hub initiative, and our sponsorship of this scholarship, acknowledges and begins to eliminate barriers for diverse college students who are considering careers in tech. It is my goal to identify the resources to build this program out even further in the future."

The application for Campus Philly Tech Scholars program is open now through October 8, 2021 at 11:59pm (link to application here). College students may qualify for one of the $1,000 scholarships if they are able to answer "yes" to the following questions:

- Are you a racially diverse college student?
- Did you have a tech internship with a Philly-based company in summer 2021 or are you in one this fall?
  - *Tech internships include both those in tech roles specifically, as well as those in supportive roles at tech companies.*
- Was the internship unpaid or underpaid (less than $15/hour)?

Campus Philly has worked closely with the City of Philadelphia over the past year on the Most Diverse Tech Hub Initiative. The organization has hosted several career events that directly address the goals of this initiative, including Black and Brown Students in Tech, attended by more than 200 Black and brown college students, resulting in nearly 800 direct connections

made between students and employers. Campus Philly has also featured the stories of Black and brown tech professionals on its website, including Jessica Wescott from SAP, Utsav Panchal from Elastic, and Sylvester Mobley of Coded by Kids.

College students that are interested in the $1,000 scholarship, and who qualify based on the above requirements, can apply here. For questions about eligibility, email info@campusphilly.org

*__Campus Philly,__ a nonprofit organization founded in 2004, fuels inclusive economic growth by empowering diverse college students and recent graduates to explore, live and work in Greater Philadelphia. Visit our website to learn more, or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.*

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