

Title: Innovation Intern

Location: Boston, MA

Status: Part-time intern, Summer 2017

Organization Overview

Unfortunately, too many people in the U.S. today lack financial security. Too many people are financially vulnerable. For people to pursue their full potential, we need more wealth – of opportunity, of tools, of financial assets – and we need that wealth to be more common.

Commonwealth strengthens the financial opportunity and security of financially vulnerable people by discovering ideas, piloting solutions, and driving innovations to scale. We discover new financial challenges and explore new innovative solutions. We take the most promising of these new solutions and design real world pilots to see if they work. We then collaborate with consumers, the financial services industry, policy makers, and mission-driven organizations to bring these proven solutions to scale and improve the financial security and opportunity of millions of Americans.

Our efforts over the last 15 years have spawned new financial products and public policies responsible for helping 300,000 Americans to accumulate nearly \$200 million dollars in savings. To learn more about the organization, please visit www.buildcommonwealth.org

Position Overview:

The Innovation Intern will join the Accelerator team to help conduct research and develop and refine tools and strategies to bring innovations to scale. Examples of projects include researching and writing reports on: the potential of Application Programming Interfaces (API) to support collaboration between FinTech and government; State government's issuance of Savings bonds; State lotteries' potential role in savings. The Intern may also get to work on new Accelerator projects as needs arise, such as helping to develop business models, identify policy solutions, create marketing material, or draft presentations to potential partners. This position is ideal for candidates who are looking to gain experience in innovation, policy research, business research, business development, writing, and research on new technology.

Qualifications

- Enrolled in, or a recent graduate of, an undergraduate program in a related field (economics, political science, public policy, business, management or other related field).
- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Able to plan and execute on several different projects at the same time.
- Can work both independently and as a member of a team.
- Flexible and willing to address project needs as they arise.
- Passionate about Commonwealth's mission.

Time Commitment

The internship is 25-30 hrs/week from June to August, 2017, for 8-10 weeks. Start and end dates are flexible. The internship is located at Commonwealth's office in Allston but the schedule of when the Intern needs to be in the office is flexible.

Compensation

A competitive stipend will be paid upon completion of the internship.

To Apply

Please send a cover letter, resume, and 1-2 page writing sample to resumes@buildcommonwealth.org and put "Innovation Intern" in the subject line. Candidates will be reviewed on a rolling basis. No phone calls.