



Tech start-ups link with NYU students

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If Google and IBM didn't offer you an internship this summer but you know you have a knack for computer programming, a new organization just might be able to help.

HackNY, though a start-up itself, is linking computer science majors with small New York technology companies.

The firm is offering summer fellowships to students interested in the computer and technology field. So far, they have selected 12 students out of more than 100 applicants, who will get the chance to work with a technology-based start-up company. Six of those selected are from NYU. Students receive \$400 a week from the companies and will work for 10 weeks over the summer.

"HackNY is filling an important need, connecting students with start-ups and vice versa," said Hillary Mason, co-founder of HackNY and a research professor at Johnson & Wales University. "It's helpful, fun and I believe we're making a significant contribution on both sides, while strengthening the NYC startup community."

Stanis Laus Billy, president of the Association of Computing Machinery at City College of New York helped start the HackNY community. Billy said he first got the idea when he reached out to his fellow computer science friends and saw that there was a real desire to organize and network.

"When we first touched base via e-mail, we discovered that all of the ACM [Association of Computing Machinery] chapters wanted the same thing, a cross-campus collaboration between the chapters to foster a sense of community and tighten the relationships between ACM student members in NYC," he said.

Billy added that with the city's start-up scene "booming," the need for computer science majors has never been greater.