Apply for an OLPC Internship!

One Laptop per Child (OLPC) is a non-profit organization created by Nicholas Negroponte to design, manufacture and distribute laptop computers that are sufficiently affordable to provide every child in the world access to new channels of learning, sharing and self-expression. The XO laptop is a very low-cost, child-friendly laptop computer. It is sold to governments of developing nations to be given to school-aged children on a basis of one laptop per child. OLPC’s founders see this as a critical step in the eradication of poverty.

**What internships does OLPC offer?**

*Country support interns* work alongside local school children, teachers, community members, and government officials who have bought into country-wide XO deployments. Interns focus on capacity building projects ranging from technical infrastructure support and local software design to advocacy, classroom assistance, administration, and strategy design.

2010 internships are available in *Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, or Rwanda*, and are open year round. Interns must commit to a 3, 6, 9 or 12 month period. Participants receive a monthly stipend.

*Foundation and grantwriting interns* conduct research and work closely with country deployments to formulate and submit grant proposals, with the goal of securing funding for XO laptops and capacity building projects. This internship position is unpaid and will be done remotely, though there are opportunities to travel to partnering countries.

*Specialized internships:* If none of our current programs are a good fit for you, we still want to hear from you. We strongly encourage new ideas which challenge our limits and yours.

**Who should apply?**

In *country support interns*, we look for the world’s most promising innovators in the fields of business, engineering, social sciences, computer science, and public relations. Interns need to be able to work on complex problems with limited resources in challenging, exciting environments. Cultural sensitivity and a high level of energy are especially important. We welcome applicants from anywhere in the world, but applicants must be conversant in the first language of the country to which they are applying.

In *foundation and grantwriting interns*, we need talented researchers and writers who can work independently and tell OLPC’s story to grant-making organizations. We highly value past experience in grantwriting.

**For information on 2010 Internship opportunities and how to apply please visit:** [http://www.laptop.org/en/interns](http://www.laptop.org/en/interns)