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Organization Mission: The LIFE School is an accredited, project based high school in Atlanta, GA. We primarily serve African American students, in grades 9-12. Our school has completely redesigned the traditional high school experience to be more dynamic, experiential and real world. At our school, each student is a hero in their own personal learning journey and educators coach them to discover and pursue their interests and goals. Students learn through project based courses, professional internships, interest driven passion projects, guest workshops, and educational field trips.

Internship Semester: Summer 2020

Project Title #1: Design Innovative Fellowship for International Teens

Keywords: Education, Research, Strategy

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Equitable Development

Project Background: This is a new project that the intern will lead. We are considering starting a year-long fellowship program for international high school students. Students from all over the world would come to Atlanta to experience our innovative, project based high school while also learning about U.S. culture and college admissions process. We are excited about the cross-cultural learning opportunities for our students and those that will visit with us. There are a lot of hurdles to ramping up this program - including marketing, visas, and international school partnerships. We are looking for an intern to help us research this market, develop a strategy, and if it makes sense, to begin the first stages of implementation this summer. Ideally, we could have 2 international fellows join us for next school year, because of the intern's work.

Project Timeline: At the end of the summer, we would like to have several partnerships in place with international schools and organizations. We would also like a clear 1-2 year strategy for how to move the project forward after the internship is completed. Our staff will continue the next steps after the summer.

Desired skills and qualifications: Research, Sales/Public speaking, Writing

Deliverables: Research Report. Program marketing one-pager

Project Title #2: Explore Tech-Drive Urban Agriculture Ideas with Teens

Keywords: Education, Urban Agriculture, Technology

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Green Infrastructure, Water, Citizen Science

Project Background: This is a continuation of an existing project. Our school has an urban farm that we want to (1) connect across our curriculum, (2) run with technology, eg. IoT, (3) incorporate exciting new

urban ag trends such as grubs, edible flowers etc, and (4) scale to generate revenue and eventually profit. We love our farm because it teaches our students to care for something outside of themselves, connects them to nature and helps them better understand food systems. It's a key part of our Environmental Education program, which also includes dynamic science labs and great outdoor adventure at state and national parks. This summer, our intern would be able to grow food and care for animals in interesting new ways that they introduce to and co-design with students in our Atlanta Teen Innovators Program. They would also be able to work with our staff to develop new ways to integrate the farm and the natural world across our curriculum as well as being able to independently implement tech-driven farm ideas.

Project Timeline: At the end of the summer, the student intern will have tried several projects both with our high school students and also independently. They will also have documented key ideas for how we can move forward with expanding our farm and trained staff on their plan.

Desired skills and qualifications: Research, Farming, Working with Teens

Deliverables: Farm projects. Farm growth plan/strategy