

Ditchdigger Films Internship Program

Proposal

Ditchdigger Films wish to offer current and graduating students in the Commonwealth of Virginia the opportunity of placements on a professional film shoot. We are extending this opportunity to a number of colleges in the Virginia area and hope that it will offer participating students the chance, not only to apply the knowledge they have gained through study to a real work situation, but the possibility of meeting and building relationships with other emerging filmmakers in the Commonwealth.

Program

Filming is scheduled to take place in Fall 2010, and students can apply for placements in each of the production departments' disciplines. Accommodation, transport and catering will be provided for the duration of the shoot, scheduled for 3-5 weeks in late September/early October.

Available Placements

We envisage being able to offer placements across a range of competencies and that part of learning process for more experienced students placed at more senior levels within each of the Departments would be to assist in the supervision of more junior and less experienced members of the team, as they would be expected to do in a real work situation. We anticipate being able to offer students the chance to fill the following positions: Assistant Director; Production Manager; Production Assistant; Camera Operator; Camera Assistant; Focus Puller; Clapper Loader; Digital Imaging Technician; Grip; Best Boy; Gaffer; Sparks; Production Sound Recordist; Boom Operator; Script Supervisor; Production Designer; Art Director; Set Decorator; Make-up; Hair Stylist; Wardrobe; Catering; Runners.

Outcomes

Students will have engaged in a real work situation, learned to take direction in a work setting, taken responsibility for their part in the production process and built connections with fellow emerging filmmakers in the Commonwealth. As an option, it is offered to each college that an assessment of the student's real-time learning competencies will be provided to their associated college department's head.

Next Steps

We hope to agree partnerships with collaborating colleges in April 2010 and establish a long list of possible interns in May/June with final selections taking place by July.

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