



AccessSTEM Team Application

Are you a high school or college student with a disability?

Would you like to gain valuable experience through paid internships and other work-related opportunities?

Are you interested in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics?

Would you like to communicate with mentors working in these fields?

**If so, then apply now to become a member of our
AccessSTEM Team!**

DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) at the University of Washington supports college-capable students with disabilities as they pursue challenging academic programs and careers. DO-IT's Alliance for Students with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (*AccessSTEM*) is a project funded by the National Science Foundation (award #HRD-0227995 and HRD-0833504). The purpose of the project is to increase the number of people with disabilities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers by encouraging and supporting students with disabilities who show interest and aptitude in STEM. These students become part of the *AccessSTEM* Team, engaging in an on-line community of peers and professionals, paid internships, other work experiences, research opportunities, and other activities as they transition to college, graduate school, and employment.

We are recruiting high school and college students with disabilities to join the *AccessSTEM* Team. As an *AccessSTEM* Team member, you will engage in experiences that will enhance your college and career success.



AccessSTEM Team Eligibility

High school or college students with disabilities are eligible to be *AccessSTEM* Team members. Priority is given to students who demonstrate an interest and aptitude in pursuing professional careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields. *AccessSTEM* Team members must have an email account and access to the Internet.

Participation Agreement

As a member of the *AccessSTEM* Team, you must actively communicate with *AccessSTEM* staff, peers, and mentors. To remain on the *AccessSTEM* Team and to be eligible for work-related opportunities, such as internships, you must be an “active participant.” As an “active participant,” you are expected to:

1. Log on to your email account at least once per week and read and respond to email messages.
2. Regularly communicate with your *AccessSTEM* mentoring group.
3. Attend *AccessSTEM* events when possible.
4. Notify *AccessSTEM* staff of any changes in your contact information, or your ability to participate in *AccessSTEM* internships and activities.

Application Requirements

Please contact DO-IT if you would like assistance in completing any portion of your application.

1. Application Form

Complete the attached two-page *AccessSTEM* Team application form. This form must include a parent or guardian signature if you are under eighteen years of age.

2. Essay

Submit a one-page essay with your application explaining why you are interested in participating in an *AccessSTEM* internship and mentoring and how participation will help you reach

your career goals. Include school honors, extracurricular and community activities, work-related experiences, and any other relevant information about yourself.

3. Letter of Recommendation

Submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, faculty member, or someone who has worked with you closely.

4. Resume

Submit an up-to-date copy of your resume.

Submitting AccessSTEM Team Applications

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. The *AccessSTEM* Team application packet may be submitted via postal mail or fax.

About DO-IT

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AccessSTEM Team Application Form

STUDENT DATA

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Name and Address of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____

Gender: Female _____ Male _____ Date of Birth: _____

Ethnic Background (optional): _____

Please State Your Disability: _____

Describe any accommodations that you may need to participate in an internship:

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Are you currently enrolled in:

_____ High School _____ Community College _____ Tech College _____ Four-Year University/College

School Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

City/State: _____ Major(s) (if applicable): _____

Specific Career Interests: _____

EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

U.S. Citizen? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, do you have a right-to-work permit? _____ Yes _____ No

Where are you able to work in an internship of other work-related experience?

Cities: _____

Publication Guidelines

Please note that, on occasion, *AccessStem* Team members are featured in printed and web-based materials such as *DO-IT News*. As an *AccessStem* Team member, you agree to allow DO-IT and DO-IT project partners to publish information including, but not limited to, your first and last name, email address, city and state of residence, name of school, employer, disability, age, and interests. This information is used for program reporting and data analysis. As an *AccessStem* Team member, you also waive any right to inspect or approve the finished publication or the eventual use for which it might be applied. Although we will work with *AccessStem* members to plan and initiate disclosure of their disabilities to potential employers or schools, through the above mentioned publications and in conjunction with *AccessStem* activities, your disability may be disclosed or implied.

Use of Photographs and Video

Some *AccessStem* events and work-related experiences are photographed and/or videotaped. When you participate in these activities you may be photographed and/or videotaped. As an *AccessStem* Team member, you agree to give DO-IT and DO-IT project partners permission to copyright, distribute, sell, broadcast, duplicate, exhibit and/or use film, CDs, photographs, printed information, and/or drawings of yourself without limitation for general education, information dissemination, and research purposes in videos, CDs, and printed publications, and on the World Wide Web. In addition, you waive any right to inspect or approve the finished publication or other product in which your image/information might be used. Check here if you **do not** give permission to be included in pictures or videos.

I have read and agree to the expectations listed in the Participation Agreement, Publication Guidelines, and the Use of Photographs and Video guidelines as indicated above.

I understand that DO-IT may request a criminal background check of program participants. I agree to report to DO-IT any past convictions or present charges that relate to minors or vulnerable adults.

Signature of *AccessStem* Team applicant: _____

Printed name of applicant: _____

For Applicants Under the Age of 18 Years

I give permission for my son/ daughter to participate in *AccessStem* activities and events. I have read and agree to the above conditions, including the Participation Agreement expectations, Publication guidelines, and the Use of Photographs and Video guidelines as indicated above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

If you have questions about *AccessStem* or this application, please contact *AccessStem* at 206-685-3648 voice/TTY; 888-972-3648 toll free voice, TTY; or doit@u.washington.edu. Mail your completed application to DO-IT, University of Washington, Box 354842, Seattle, WA 98195-4842.