

To: Interested Rail Industry Companies

From: David Nelson, Michigan Tech AREMA Student Chapter Advisor

Subject: Summer Intern Opportunities in the Covid-19 Environment.

It appears that many students who had intern opportunities lined up with the rail industry prior to the Covid-19 crisis have had those opportunities disappear. I'm trying to facilitate some sort of interaction with the industry to provide an opportunity to work with a rail industry company on some basis over this summer. To make that happen, if you are interested in connecting with student, please send me a short note describing what you have to offer in a summer opportunity.

At the very least this could be a virtual connection to a student to provide insight into what you do for the industry, essentially a mentoring opportunity with no funding. It could also be a situation where you provide work of some sort to the student that they can complete from home under your supervision. If it provides value and you have resources, you could pay a stipend of some sort for this work. But if you don't have the resources to pay with, the experience and contact with the industry is an asset we can't provide in the classroom.

If you are proposing an opportunity where the student physically moves to your location I would expect that you would at a minimum pay for their living expenses and their travel costs to your site. Our students are already strapped trying to complete their degree programs, having them pay you to give them an opportunity is not part of this program. However, if you pay expenses and nothing more that may be acceptable to some students.

Note that this is not intended to say that I have student information to hand out ... because I don't. I recently sent a similar message to the AREMA student chapters, a copy of that message is provided with this.

As I collect student resumes and job interests I will provide them to companies who respond to this effort. I will also provide your information to the students who respond. Hopefully we can come up with some matches! It's also possible that something that starts in a virtual environment could move to a physical event as we come out of the covid crisis ... but there will be no requirements for that! At the very least you have the opportunity to interact with one or more students who could be potential future employees.

If you are interested, send me your information at dannelso@mtu.edu. Let's see if we can get something started!

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