



**Summer 2017**

**Breakthrough Photography Internship**

Deadline to Apply: Friday, June 2, 2017

**Organization Overview**

Founded in 2002, Breakthrough Silicon Valley is a tuition-free academic program that prepares motivated middle school students with limited educational opportunities for success in rigorous college-preparatory high school programs and entrance into four-year colleges. Our program provides year-round academic support, counseling and advocacy for a diverse group of talented students, most of whom are first in their family to go to college, come from low-income families or attend under-performing schools.

Through our innovative students-teaching-students model, Breakthrough also prepares outstanding high school and college students to enter professions in education by training them to teach their own classes of Breakthrough's middle school students. Class sizes are small, with fewer than ten students on average, and Teaching Fellows are supported by experienced professional educators.

Breakthrough Silicon Valley boasts outstanding results:

- 100% of students enroll in college-preparatory high schools and more than 85% have a GPA of 3.0 and above throughout high school.
- 96% of graduates are attending four-year universities.
- 78% of Teaching Fellow alumni pursue careers in education upon college graduation.

**Position Overview**

The Breakthrough Photography Intern will capture high-quality photos for the organization throughout the 6-week middle school summer program. You will work with the Development team, alongside the staff photographer, to capture student and group portraits, classroom learning, assemblies, and summer events such as student Olympics, STEM Challenge, Visitors Days, and Celebration.

What You Will Gain

- Your photos published on social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- Your photos included in [videos](#) and print materials, such as [Annual Report](#)
- A chance to express your creativity
- The opportunity to build and diversify your own portfolio
- Portrait and event experience
- Experience working with on-staff photographer

Position Requirements

- High school senior or current college undergrad with prior digital photography experience
- Access to and thorough knowledge of DSLR camera and manual shooting
- Passion for visual storytelling
- Great attention to detail
- Reliable access to transportation
- Self-motivated; takes initiative and works independently as needed
- Communicative; able to pose questions and ask for clarification whenever necessary
- Accountable and mature

### Preferred Qualifications

- Interested in pursuing photography as a field of study, career, or hobby
- Basic photo editing skills (Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom)
- Experience with children and preteens a plus
- Comfortable in a fast-moving environment
- Videography experience a plus

### Stipend

- A stipend of \$500 for the duration of the internship.

### Time Commitment

- Dates: Thursday, June 8\* – Thursday, August 3, 2017 (\*flexible start date)
- Flexible weekly schedule, + commitment to at least six pre-set dates
  - Approximately 5-8 hours/week

### Locations

- Primary Location: Breakthrough SV, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 93126
- Secondary Location: Breakthrough SV, 645 Wool Creek, San Jose, CA 95112
- Additional sites:
  - Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053
  - Silver Creek High School, 3434 Silver Creek Road, San Jose, CA 95121
  - Notre Dame High School, 596 South 2nd Street, San Jose, CA 95112

### How to Apply

- Please send your resume and cover letter to [lr Raffaelli@breakthroughsv.org](mailto:lr Raffaelli@breakthroughsv.org).
  - Include 5-10 photos you're most proud of, or link to online gallery
  - Event/sports samples are preferred over fine art
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

### Questions

- Please contact Lina Raffaelli at [lr Raffaelli@breakthroughsv.org](mailto:lr Raffaelli@breakthroughsv.org) or 408-287-6357.

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