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What Interns Learn on the Job

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Dr. Hank Wuh discusses how his firm, Skai Ventures, works with interns to plug them into projects of interest, while also helping them build solid presentation skills that will be valuable throughout their careers.



Transcript

On the first day of their internship we require everybody to learn how to do CPR and use an automatic defibrillator so they can save somebody's lives during the course of their internship.. We - and we assign them to different tasks that depending on their level of interest, right, because so there is enough sort of technical projects that are very sort of science and technology oriented, you can actually go into a lab and work on something.. Some of the other folks are more interested in business, right.. We will put somebody on a supply chain analysis, figure out the CapEx, the risk factors and all of that stuff of course.. But we require every intern to make a presentation at the end of the internship on an idea that they would like to pursue, right, kind of a full-blown business plan, right, think through this, what would it take, why is this worthwhile, how do you make it a big business, how do you plan to do it, and because we want everyone to have sort of some presentation skills.. So they can go out there and pitch an idea when they're done with this internship.. So it's fairly - it's fairly flexible...