

Off Campus Housing Referrals Residential Life Student Services

Undergraduate Position Available **Web Developer/Programmer for Off Campus Housing**

Off Campus Housing Referrals will hire a UMass undergraduate student who is skilled at web development and programming. This staff member will maintain, enhance, and further develop the UMass Amherst Off Campus website, **UMOCH.org**. The website is developed in PHP 5 and MySQL.

UMOCH.org lists approximately 9,100 rental properties from more than 3,100 area landlords. Each month an average of 6,100 people make approximately 16,100 visits to the website. Of these visits 11,520 are usually from returning visitors, and 4,577 visits each month are from new visitors to the website. They view approximately 180,000 pages, look at 11 pages per visit, and spend an average of 7 minutes on the website per visit.

Skills Required at Hire

- PHP 5
- MySQL 5
- Demonstrated use of object-oriented programming
- The ability to quickly assimilate new skills and information
- Ability to effectively incorporate social media, specifically Facebook and Twitter, into UMOCH
- Ability to present technical information and concepts to non-technical staff and customers

Desired Skills

- MVC (Model-View-Controller) design pattern
- System administration
- Demonstrated competency with Linux or Unix
- Experience with code versioning, particularly Git.
- Experience doing development using Django or CakePHP

Other Requirements

- Laptop, 250GB or greater external hard drive, and cell phone required
- The ideal candidate would have 4 or more semesters of study remaining. *The successful candidate must have at least 3 semesters of study remaining.*
- This position can require up to 12 hours per week during the academic semesters, and up to 20 hours per week during the summer months.
- Pay: \$14.50/hour while in training, \$16.00 thereafter.

Application Process:

- Send an email to tcostine@gw.housing.umass.edu (Subject: Web Developer/Programmer Position)
- Attach your resume
- Write a brief cover statement. In your statement please comment on the following:
 - (1) The relevancy of your work experience to the position
 - (2) Discuss any relevant personal projects
 - (3) How the position furthers your career goals.
- Interviews will be scheduled starting at the end of January.
- There is no application deadline.