

Open source software is changing the world and creating the future for the 10th year in a row. Want to help?

Coding for DHIS 2 is a way to improve your programming skill using opensource frameworks, while helping build tools that are used by developing countries to manage their health systems. DHIS2 is implemented in low and middle-income countries where resources (drugs, doctors, funding etc.) are scarce and resources need to be made available at the most appropriate of places. Management of resources and looking at how the health system is functioning is critical to improving health of these nations and saving lives

The *Google Summer of Code* program is designed to encourage student participation in open source development. Kicking off in 2005, the program has several goals:

- Inspire young developers to begin participating in open source development
- Provide students in Computer Science and related fields the opportunity to do work related to their academic pursuits during the summer
- Give students more exposure to real-world software development scenarios (e.g., distributed development, software licensing questions, mailing-list etiquette, etc.)
- Get more open source code created and released for the benefit of all
- Help open source projects identify and bring in new developers and committers

We'll be offering successful student contributors a 5,500 USD stipend, enabling them to focus on their coding projects for three months. This program is done completely online. Students and mentors from more than 100 countries have participated in past years.

Student applications will be accepted from 10 - 21 March, 2014. For student project ideas and discussing with DHIS2 mentors – http://dhis2.org/gsoc2014

Find full details on requirements for participating, including how to apply and info on the all-important t-shirt at http://www.google-melange.coms