

2026 iHub IBM SkillsBuild NextGen AI Innovation Bootcamp

Volunteer Opportunities Now Open

Innovation Coaches • College Interns • Event Volunteers

Build the Future. Empower the Next Generation.

The students sitting in today's classrooms will become tomorrow's innovators, entrepreneurs, engineers, researchers, educators, and leaders.

The question is:

Who will help guide them there?

Initiated by **iHub** and now entering its **second year**, the iHub IBM SkillsBuild NextGen AI Innovation Bootcamp is more than a summer program.

It is part of a growing ecosystem designed to help young people become future-ready, AI-savvy innovators, global leaders, founders, and changemakers.

Together with our collaborators and partners— including **IBM SkillsBuild, Opaida, SAPA GP, PGAIA, Heli Glocal, PolyEngine, and D-I-C-E Consulting** — we bring students, educators, industry professionals, and community leaders together to explore artificial intelligence, innovation, leadership, entrepreneurship, and real-world problem solving.

We're looking for people who want to mentor, contribute, learn, and make an impact.

Whether you're an experienced professional, graduate student, college student, educator, entrepreneur, or community member, there's a place for you on this journey.

I. Why Join Us?

Make a Meaningful Impact

Help students discover their strengths, build confidence, and develop skills that can shape their future.

Grow as a Leader

Develop coaching, mentoring, communication, leadership, and project management experience through real-world collaboration.

Expand Your Network

Connect with educators, professionals, entrepreneurs, researchers, and community leaders who share a passion for learning, innovation, and service.

Be Part of Something Bigger

Contribute to a growing ecosystem committed to education, innovation, leadership development, a

II. Opportunities Available

1. Innovation Coach

(Young Professionals • Graduate Students • Researchers • Experienced Professionals)

Innovation Coaches serve as mentors, facilitators, and trusted guides throughout the Bootcamp experience.

You will work directly with student teams, helping them develop ideas, strengthen collaboration, solve problems, and transform concepts into meaningful capstone projects.

Key Responsibilities

- Mentor and support an assigned student cohort
- Facilitate team discussions and collaboration
- Guide project development and problem-solving
- Encourage accountability, leadership, and engagement
- Support student presentations and final project preparation
- Participate in coach meetings and key program activities

Time Commitment

- Coach onboarding and preparation (June–July)
- Virtual Sessions: July 27 – August 6
- Coaching Support: 8:00 PM – 9:15 PM EST
- Kickoff Event: July 25 (University of Pennsylvania)
- Grand Finale: August 7 (IBM)

Estimated Total Commitment: 30–45 hours

Ideal For

Professionals, graduate students, researchers, educators, and individuals who enjoy mentoring, leadership, and helping others succeed.

Preferred Qualifications -

- Familiarity with AI, computer science, data science, engineering, or related fields
- Comfortable working with students in grades 8–12
- Strong communication skills and positive attitude
- Previous mentoring, tutoring, or coaching experience is a plus

2. College Intern

(College Students • Recent Graduates)

Gain hands-on experience while supporting a mission-driven initiative focused on AI, innovation, education, and community impact.

Interns work alongside program leaders, faculty members, coaches, and volunteers to help deliver an engaging and meaningful experience for participants.

Available Workstreams

2-1) Student Success & Classroom Management

- Support virtual classroom operations
- Assist coaches and instructors
- Coordinate breakout room activities
- Support student engagement and communications

2-2) Communications & Community Engagement

- Draft newsletters and program updates
- Create social media content
- Write event recaps and participant spotlights
- Support community and partner communications

2-3) Video Editing & Content Production

- Edit event highlights and promotional videos
- Produce short-form content
- Organize media assets
- Create participant testimonials and recap videos

Time Commitment

Approximately **5-10 hours per week**, depending on role and availability.

Ideal For

College students and recent graduates seeking experience in leadership, operations, communications, education, event management, content creation, or nonprofit work.

Preferred Qualifications

- College students, graduate students, or young professionals
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Detail-oriented and dependable
- Interest in education, AI, or youth development preferred

3. Same Day Event Volunteer

(Open to All | Local Candidates Preferred)

Help create an exceptional experience for students, families, speakers, mentors, judges, and guests at our signature events.


Event Volunteers serve as the operational backbone of the Bootcamp and play a critical role in bringing the experience to life.

Preferred qualifications -

- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Friendly, responsible, and proactive
- Experience with student programs or event support is a plus

3-1) University of Pennsylvania Kickoff & Opening Summit

- Philadelphia, PA


 July 25, 2026 | 8:30am to 4:30pm

Responsibilities may include:

- Registration and guest check-in
- Venue setup and logistics
- Audio-visual support
- Campus tours and wayfinding
- Participant support and hospitality
- Event operations

3-2) IBM Grand Finale & Capstone Projects Competition

 New York City

 August 7, 2026 | 9am to 4:30pm

Responsibilities may include:

- Event coordination and logistics
- Registration and guest support
- Competition and showcase assistance
- Photography and videography
- Awards and recognition support
- Participant hospitality

Ideal For

Anyone who enjoys working with people, supporting educational initiatives, and contributing to a positive event experience.

What Success Looks Like

Regardless of role, our most impactful team members:

- ✓ Show up and follow through
- ✓ Communicate proactively
- ✓ Support students and fellow team members
- ✓ Take ownership of responsibilities
- ✓ Bring a positive, collaborative attitude
- ✓ Help create an environment where young people can thrive

What You'll Walk Away With

Depending on your level of contribution, you may gain:

- Meaningful leadership and mentoring experience
- Expanded professional and community networks
- Exposure to AI, innovation, entrepreneurship, and education
- Recommendation opportunities and volunteer recognition
- Future leadership opportunities within the iHub ecosystem
- Lasting relationships with students, educators, professionals, and community leaders

The Future Is Being Built Today

The experiences, encouragement, and opportunities we create today can shape the paths young people pursue tomorrow.

If you believe in investing in people, creating opportunity, and helping others realize their potential, we invite you to join us.

How to Apply

Application is easy - Please fill up the google form below - .

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIOlsZVyTKtFzewcYwQ05Bqe64SqHA-Cw04eLapZ9z8G0unw/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

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