

Opportunity Labs Fellows – in Cebu City, Philippines

Software & Technology Fellows

About Opportunity Labs

Imagine a world where a large conglomerate like General Electric (GE) focuses 100% of its profits on improving the lives of the poor around the world, instead of its biggest shareholders. We think it's time to reimagine our existing economic models and tweak them slightly to tackle today's biggest global issues. At [Opportunity Labs](#), we're building a conglomerate of not-for-profit social businesses that are pro-poor in social and economic impact either through the products themselves or by creating jobs at scale – with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of millions of poor people worldwide. We operate just like a business: we aim to maximize profit through excellent execution and a focus on satisfying customer needs. The only difference between us and a typical business is that all of our profits are used to continually increase impact around the world.

Our first product, [engageSPARK](#), empowers organizations to dramatically extend the reach and effectiveness of their pro-poor programs. engageSPARK, a not-for-profit social business, is the first self-service solution to enable organizations to easily and quickly launch comprehensive messaging, surveying, curriculum, and decision tree programs focused on developing countries via SMS, USSD, and Voice Calls (roughly half of the world's poor are illiterate) in 200+ countries. engageSPARK will also be the first platform built for software developers in developing countries: APIs to easily and quickly integrate into multiple telecoms across multiple countries for basic building blocks such as SMS, USSD, Voice, and Mobile Money. To understand the problems we're solving, please read <http://engagespark.com/blog/is-sms-really-solution-change-voice-calls-are-for-most-poor-people/>.

Become an Opportunity Labs Fellow

Opportunity Labs is looking for talented people who are passionate and ready to step up to make change in our world – to help us tackle global poverty at scale by building new businesses around the world. This position offers the unique opportunity to learn about and build social businesses while working with a distinguished and diverse team with experience in both private and public sectors at organizations such as GE, Grameen Foundation, IBM, Lexmark, Microsoft, Motorola, NEC, Tripit, Yahoo, and other successful startups (CEO founded companies that today employ over 2,500 people with US\$1.5 Billion market valuation.)

Fellows should be fluent in English, motivated, strong leaders, good communicators, and have a keen, developed interest in teaching and working with people, especially in an international environment.

Although you will be focused on helping build the engageSPARK platform, one of your key responsibilities will be teaching and training our talented Filipino team. As part of our work to also give back to the local community, you will also be involved in the local community by sharing your skills and experience with local developers and entrepreneurs.

Fellowships are a 3 to 12 month commitment to live and work in Cebu City, Philippines. This is an unpaid volunteer position, but includes a monthly stipend to cover living costs.

What You Gain as a Fellow

- Invaluable work & life experience in an entrepreneurial organization working on innovative business models to tackle global poverty alleviation
- Work with and learn from a distinguished team
- Learn deeply about building software platforms at scale for a global audience
- Learn about mobile phone technology, especially voice and SMS telephony
- Learn about social entrepreneurship and social enterprises in developing countries
- Learn about the technology and startup ecosystems in Southeast Asia
- International work and living experience
- Teaching experience
- A chance to make a significant impact through transfer of knowledge and skills to our talented local team

Available Fellowships

We're looking for Software & Technology Fellows to help build our innovative cloud platform by working on the engageSPARK platform and, teaching and training young Filipino software developers on the latest cloud technologies: Python, Django, Java, PostgreSQL, CouchDB, Nginx, Apache Tomcat, Freeswitch, and ActiveMQ. You must have programming proficiency in object oriented design in C, C++, C#, Go, Java or Python, and experience in working with cloud stacks.

About Cebu City, Philippines

Located on the eastern shore of Cebu Island, Cebu City is the second largest city in the Philippines. It's a safe place to live with a variety of malls, restaurants, shops, beaches, and activities such as scuba diving, running, and snorkeling. It has a busy international airport with cheap flights to domestic and regional destinations. It's easy to explore numerous nearby islands such as Bohol via ferries. More info: [http://wikitravel.org/en/Cebu_\(city\)](http://wikitravel.org/en/Cebu_(city)) and check out the pictures on [Google Images](#)!

Eligibility

You must be willing to live and work in Cebu City, Philippines, for the duration of the fellowship. Most importantly, you must be passionate about making change in our world.

engageSPARK is a groundbreaking platform that will change the face of development worldwide. As a not-for-profit social business, all engageSPARK profits will be used to subsidize services to NGOs and governments, to further improve engageSPARK, and to build social businesses that will improve the lives of the poor.

Apply

Please send us your resume and a cover letter describing the reasons why you wish to become an Opportunity Labs Fellow, how the Fellowship relates to your past experiences, and how it will help you with your life goals. Email both to Fellows@OppLabs.org.