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In addition to their outstanding intellectual credentials, Brown students are known for their creativity and initiative. They view the world through a lens of possibility and opportunity to improve the world they encounter. Past employers praise the way Brown students blend their knowledge and ideas with tireless energy and a strong work ethic to re-imagine problems and execute assignments.

Brown’s unique open curriculum helps students learn to engage with others, analyze complex problems, think critically, and create solutions that have real-world impact. With a strong entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to helping others, our talented and motivated students are ready to make significant contributions to your organization.

**BrownConnect needs you**

The power and success of BrownConnect comes from the Brown community. There are many ways to be involved.

**Offer an internship.** Members of the Brown community who want to offer internships to Brown students can submit opportunities through the BrownConnect website or contact a member of the BrownConnect staff directly.

**Give to BrownConnect.** It is the generosity of Brown alumni, parents, and friends that make this program possible. Make a contribution through the BrownConnect website or contact a member of the staff to make a gift.

**Connect with students.** Members of the Brown community can host local networking events for students and can participate in CareerLAB programs. For more information, visit the BrownConnect website or contact a member of the staff.
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