

CONNECT 2 Careers

Developing Talent for Tomorrow's Workforce

CONNECT2Careers establishes a new approach to preparing our region's future workforce by creating meaningful paid work experiences beyond the typical summer job.

By aligning the career aspirations of young adults (ages 16 - 21) with businesses willing to provide the opportunity, together we can inspire and develop talent for San Diego's current and future workforce.

"We have hired young people for the past three years. CONNECT2Careers is a great way for employers-especially small businesses-to help prepare the future workforce."

— Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner, Diego & Son Printing

"We are pleased to have represented the business community and we want to place hundreds of young adults in jobs in San Diego this summer; it's the best thing we can do for them!"

— Phil Blair, Manpower

Hiring an intern is easy:

- We provide motivated young adults with a strong interest in your industry.
- You interview and select who to hire.
- We provide pre-internship training to prepare young adults for the workplace.
- You receive ongoing support from Workforce Partnership staff.

Call us to learn more about the initiative or to sponsor an intern: C2CSD@workforce.org • 619.228.2945 • CONNECT2CareersSD.org

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"We need to work together to ensure that we are preparing our youth for the jobs of tomorrow today, we need to grow our own workforce, and with the support of our local businesses, we can make CONNECT2Careers into a national model for summer job programs."

- Bob Filner, City of San Diego Mayor

"As a region, our number one priority is job creation, by providing our emerging workforce with this opportunity, not only are we giving them the chance to hone their professional skills but also feeding a talent pipeline that ensures San Diego remains competitive in the global economy."

- Mark Cafferty, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation

"CONNECT2Careers provides a way for businesses to give back while helping to train our emerging workforce, which is critical to growing our local economy."

- Sherri Lightner, City of San Diego Council President Pro Tem

"There are more than 4,000 unfilled jobs in San Diego due to lack of skills. CONNECT2Careers trains and inspires students to complete higher education for in demand jobs now and in the future."

- Karen Winston, CONNECT

"QUALCOMM has funded 20 students each year. The program is essential... not only for the students to have an opportunity to grow, but to invigorate our own employees."

- Vance Anderson, QUALCOMM

"We are excited to consider candidates from CONNECT2Careers for Summer hiring and look forward to a successful partnership."

- Adriana Sitz, San Diego Zoo

"A program like CONNECT2Careers helped me secure my first job, and provided me solid experience and guided me to a career in public service."

- Todd Gloria, City of San Diego Council President