Have you ever thought about pursuing a technical career in computer science or engineering? Here’s your chance to experience the exciting field of software development as a freshman or sophomore, become an Explorer.

**Explore Microsoft**

**Explore Microsoft** is a 10 week summer program beginning Wednesday, May 28th, 2008 and ending on Friday, August 1st, 2008. This program is specifically designed for college underclassmen (freshman and sophomores) and offers the opportunity to experience working at Microsoft. This program is designed to expose students to the field of software development and encourage students to pursue degrees in computer science, computer engineering or related technical disciplines through hands-on training & group project experience.

**Candidate Qualifications:**
Candidates must be a freshman or sophomore enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program with a demonstrated interest in majoring in computer science, computer engineering, software engineering or related technical major. Students must have completed an Introduction to Computer Science course (or equivalent class) as well as one semester of calculus (or equivalent) by the start of the program. Finalists will be selected on the basis of eligibility, quality of application and demonstrated interest in the software industry. Finalists will be interviewed and offers will be extended based on this interview as well as the candidate’s application.

We want to encourage students from groups currently underrepresented in the field of computer science—women, underrepresented minorities (African American, American Indian, and Hispanic) and individuals with disabilities—to pursue computer science or engineering degrees. All candidates who meet the criteria for eligibility are encouraged to apply.

**How to Apply:**
A complete application includes following 3 components:

- **Resume:** Be sure, when submitting your resume, that it includes your e-mail address, school address and phone number, permanent address and phone number, intended major, and expected graduation date.

- **Transcript:** Send a soft copy of your current academic transcript to the email address listed below. If you are in the process of completing the required coursework this semester, please make a note of the classes you are taking on your transcript.

- **Essay Question:** Describe how you demonstrate your passion for technology outside the classroom. Please limit your answer to one page and send along, soft copy, with your transcript and resume to the address below.

Send all 3 components of your application by February 20th to msxplore@microsoft.com

**Benefits:** Microsoft offers benefits designed to make your experience the best it can be and Explore Microsoft is no exception. Explore Microsoft is a paid experience that includes a salary, relocation, training, transportation and more!
Frequently Asked Questions

You will have enormous responsibility, project ownership, and impact during this 10 week session. Take a tour of this FAQ to gain a better understanding of what Explore Microsoft might be like for you.

How does this program differ from the 12-week Microsoft College Internship?
The Explore Microsoft program is a shorter experience than the college internship program. The Explore program provides formal trainings as well as a group project experience working alongside other Explorers. Explore Microsoft is intended for students beginning their academic studies and who would like to learn more about careers in software development through an experiential learning program.

What can I expect to do at Explore Microsoft?
You will work in a team of four to complete a project for your product group through which you will gain exposure to the software development lifecycle and our three core technical positions: Program Manager, Software Design Engineer and Software Design Engineer in Test.

Will I work in a number of groups during this experience, or focus on a specific goal in one group?
We want you to become very involved with your group project, so we will assign you to a specific product team while you are here. It is the best way to make sure you have the opportunity to make a real contribution. However, there will be plenty of opportunities to attend discussions about different Microsoft technologies and to pick the brains of other employees working around campus.

Where is Explore Microsoft offered?
Explore Microsoft is currently only offered at our Redmond, Washington, campus. For more information on Redmond & the surrounding area please visit http://www.microsoft.com/college.

If I haven’t declared a major, can I still apply?
Yes! We do not require that you be a computer science major in order to apply, however, we do require all candidates to have completed an Introduction to Computer Science (or equivalent course) and one semester of calculus (or equivalent). We're interested in individuals who have a demonstrated passion for technology and a desire to further explore the field of software development.