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PATHVELLA PROGRAMS

Program Guide

Remote Company Internships

Silicon Valley Venture Bootcamp

A guide for students and families

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Choose a program. Then explore the resources.

Remote internships and the on-site bootcamp are separate programs with different resources and deliverables.

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Three programs at a glance

Choose by your stage of study, preferred format and available time.

Compare	4-week internship	8-week internship	4-week bootcamp
Who it is for	High school and undergraduate students	High school and undergraduate students	High school / undergraduates Eligibility requires confirmation*
Format	Remote Rolling starts year-round	Remote Rolling starts year-round	Silicon Valley, in person May-September; 3+ days/week
Time commitment	About 2 hours/week on assigned tasks	4+ hours/week on tasks plus 2 hours of communication	4 consecutive weeks Schedule set by cohort
Program fee	US$2,490	US$5,490	US$10,900 Tuition only

*The source overview names high school and undergraduate students; its detailed bootcamp page specifies age 18+, admitted to college and not yet enrolled. Confirm eligibility in writing.

All prices are in U.S. dollars, per student, for the full program. Bootcamp pricing is tuition only. Eligibility note: page 33.

What Pathvella coordinates

A clear point of contact from company matching through final deliverables.

01 **Company matching & onboarding**

Match interests, readiness and availability with company tasks; help students understand the work and participation arrangements.

02 **Ongoing support & parent communication**

Parents may ask Pathvella about progress. The team helps coordinate communication when project issues arise.

03 **Completion review & deliverable coordination**

Organize the student's completed work and contribution; coordinate the letters or other deliverables specified for the selected program.

Letters and media coverage apply to the remote internships. Bootcamp portfolio pieces and the completion certificate are on page 24.

Remote company internships

For high school and undergraduate students in the U.S., working on projects for U.S. companies.

Rolling starts year-round

4 or 8 weeks, scheduled around student availability.

Participation

Fully remote, with communication in English.

Application

Interview required; tasks matched to interests and readiness.

Program type

Unpaid internships centered on company project tasks.



Illustrative image, not a program photograph. Company, role and eligibility depend on interview and matching.

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Explore industries and task directions

Seven AI company profiles expand the examples below; sector categories are interest areas, not confirmed openings.

Company or institution type	Business focus	Possible student exploration
AI & software	Models, agents, applications and software services	Product testing; competitor analysis; user research
Smart hardware & robotics	Connected devices, robotics and chip-related technology	Use-case research; test records; documentation
Industrial technology	Materials, biotechnology, energy and industrial applications	Technology application research; industry and market analysis
Enterprise services	Technology supporting business operations	Workflow mapping; customer needs analysis
Investment organizations	Company research, industry analysis and investment judgment	Industry research; company and business-model analysis

PROFILE DIRECTORY | GMI Cloud / Scam AI / Bota / Holaboss / Astorie / AdsGency AI / Markable AI

Examples do not establish open roles or completed matches. Each company and role must be confirmed.

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From AI infrastructure to digital trust

Business, founder backgrounds and internship directions listed in the supplied materials.

01 GMI Cloud

AI compute cloud

GPU clusters for AI model training and inference, with data centers in the United States and Taiwan.

FOUNDER & TEAM

Alex Yeh, founder and CEO.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source reports US$668 million in financing in September 2026, with NVIDIA participating, and more than US$600 million in contracted annualized revenue.

EXPLORATION / GPU compute and AI infrastructure market research; developer community and hackathon operations; customer research.

02 Scam AI

AI fraud and deepfake detection

Detects deepfake video, synthetic voices, AI-generated images and forged identity documents for verification and enterprise workflows.

FOUNDER & TEAM

Dennis Ng: PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Duke University; described in the source as a former senior research scientist at Meta AI.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source lists Qualcomm and NVIDIA as customers and a US$2.6 million seed round in December 2025 led by Llama Ventures.

EXPLORATION / Marketing, business development and go-to-market work designated by the founder; customer research.

Source-reported information, not independently verified. No company or university endorsement, or placement availability, is implied.

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From agent tools to enterprise applications

Business, founder backgrounds and internship directions listed in the supplied materials.

03 Bota

Context engine for AI agents

Converts information from the physical world into context AI agents can use, starting with voice data from wearable devices.

FOUNDER & TEAM

CEO Ruming Zhen: Stanford; formerly Tesla and Intuit. His previous company, StarJar (YC W24), was acquired by Plaud. The CTO spent nearly 10 years at Amazon.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source reports selection for a16z speedrun and approximately US$710,000 in annual contracts signed within the first five weeks.

EXPLORATION / Product and user research; B2B market research; data operations.

04 Holaboss

Enterprise AI workspace

Agent-native infrastructure for service businesses, connecting existing systems so AI agents can share memory, tools and skills.

FOUNDER & TEAM

Harry Wang: economics and business at UCL; internships in investment banking at CICC and China Securities, and at ADV Partners.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source reports a Silicon Valley founding in 2024 and more than 11,000 GitHub stars and 700 forks within seven months of open-sourcing holaOS.

EXPLORATION / Open-source community operations; product testing; enterprise customer research.

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From AI creation to marketing growth

Business, founder backgrounds and internship directions listed in the supplied materials.

05 Astorie

AI filmmaking canvas

A node-based creative canvas that lets filmmakers use more than 100 models to generate and edit video, images and audio.

FOUNDER & TEAM

Vincent Zhan: computer vision research at NYU; internships at Megvii and ByteDance. The product lead has a Stanford CS and HCI background.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source reports US$1 million in annual revenue reached in four months, without external funding.

EXPLORATION / AI video content operations; creator community growth; product testing.

06 AdsGency AI

AI advertising platform

Automates creative generation, ad delivery and analytics for small and midsize brands and agencies.

FOUNDER & TEAM

Bolbi Liu: data science at Intel, Bank of America and Sina Weibo; later AI advertising technology product work at Didi and AWS.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source reports approximately US$15 million in total financing, work with Reddit and USPS, and Techstars alumni status.

EXPLORATION / Growth marketing; advertising data analysis; product operations.

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From social commerce to a confirmed role

A company profile helps you explore a direction. Participation terms must be confirmed for the actual role.

07 Markable AI

AI social commerce

Uses visual search to identify products in content and connect them to purchases, with creator storefronts and influencer-led commerce for brands.

FOUNDER & TEAM

Joy Tang: mathematics and economics at MIT; a Chinese Math Olympiad gold medal at age 16; founded and sold a company during college; formerly TikTok.

REPORTED IN THE SOURCE

The source reports 400 million combined followers across participating creators, around 5x improvement in brand advertising returns, and visual-search patents in the U.S. and Japan.

EXPLORATION / Influencer marketing and social commerce operations; brand partnerships; data analysis.

FROM INTEREST TO ROLE

1. **Apply & interview**
2. **Company referral**
3. **Confirm role**
4. **Begin**

Original company-role format

Unpaid, full-time and primarily remote, with possible Bay Area office visits. Mainly data, product and marketing; limited deep engineering. The source describes referrals to 1-2 companies, which confirm roles and timing.

Confirm before accepting

Student eligibility and readiness; weekly hours; duration and openings; mentor and feedback frequency; letter issuance and permission to share work.

The original company roles are unpaid and full-time. Suitability for high school / undergraduate students and Pathvella's lower-hour formats must be confirmed.

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What might a student work on?

Work on a specific question and build a clear record of individual contribution.

Direction	Student work	Possible output
Model & product testing	Compare outputs; record issues and differences	Test logs and analysis notes
Software & product research	Map features, user flows and improvements	Feature brief, flowchart or prototype
Market & user research	Research user needs, competitors and positioning	Competitive matrix and research report
Industry & company analysis	Map industry structure, business and revenue sources	Industry brief or company analysis

The company materials also list AI video content, open-source communities, advertising analytics and social commerce operations.

Tasks and deliverables are examples, not completed student cases. The matched company sets the final scope.

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4-week Company Internship

Foundation program

US$2,490

Total program fee per student

About 2 hours per week on tasks

A manager assigns tasks and provides feedback by email or Slack. No fixed feedback frequency is specified.

WEEK 01

Get oriented

Understand the company and task; clarify responsibilities.

WEEK 02

Do the work

Carry out research, testing or documentation.

WEEK 03

Improve the output

Add evidence and revise the initial work using feedback.

WEEK 04

Deliver & reflect

Organize the final output and review your contribution.

The weekly plan is illustrative. The company determines the specific tasks, sequence and workload.

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8-week Founder-Team Internship

Sustained practice. A deeper view of how a company operates.

US$5,490

Total program fee per student

4+ hours

Company tasks each week

+ 2 hours

Weekly communication with the founder or founding team

Mentoring is provided by a founder or founding-team member, primarily one-to-one. The individual and format depend on the project.

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The 8-week learning and practice path

Company work continues while discussions expand into product, business and financing.

01 Company & project

Understand the business and define task goals.

02 Users & needs

Identify target users and specific problems.

03 Product & competition

Analyze product value and competitors.

04 Business model

Understand revenue and costs.

05 Market & growth

Research the market and growth approaches.

06 Startups & financing

Understand why companies raise money and how funds are used.

07 Investor perspective

Practice evidence-based judgment.

08 Deliverables & reflection

Complete the work and review your individual contribution.

Learning themes are illustrative and adapt to the company and assigned tasks.

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Which remote internship fits?

Both options are remote; the Chinese guide lists completion letters, recommendation letters and third-party media coverage.

Compare	4-week Foundation	8-week Founder-Team
Main objective	Complete a company work experience	Practice while developing a deeper understanding of company operations
Weekly commitment	About 2 hours on tasks	4+ hours on tasks plus 2 hours of communication
Guidance & feedback	Manager-assigned tasks; email or Slack feedback without a fixed frequency	Weekly founder or founding-team communication, primarily one-to-one
Discussion focus	Assigned tasks and feedback	Tasks, products, business and financing
Total program fee	US$2,490 per student	US$5,490 per student

Deliverables apply to the remote programs only. Confirm the final written arrangements before starting.

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Remote internship deliverables

Document the student's actual participation, work and performance.

01

Company completion letter

Issued by the host company to document participation and completion.

02

Recommendation letter

Listed as included in the Chinese guide. Content reflects actual participation and performance.

03

Third-party media coverage

Coverage of the student's project experience and work.

MEDIA PLATFORM EXAMPLES IN THE SOURCE | Business Insider / AP News

Final media platform and publication format depend on the confirmed arrangements. These items do not apply to the bootcamp.

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Apply, match, confirm, begin

For high school and undergraduate students. Communication is in English; an interview is required.

01	**Submit student information**	Share your stage of study, interests, background and availability.
02	**Interview & company matching**	Discuss goals and relevant companies or tasks; complete the company's review process.
03	**Confirm participation terms**	Confirm the company, duration, time commitment, guidance and deliverables.
04	**Pay & start**	Pay the full fee before the program begins and complete onboarding.

Confirm the company, hours, guidance and deliverables before accepting. The seven profiles do not imply every company supports both formats.

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Remote internship: common questions

Real practice and exploration, without a promise of college admission or academic credit.

Do I need to visit a company office?

Both Pathvella formats are remote. In-person arrangements mentioned in company materials are not automatically included.

Is the internship paid? Are there scheduled classes?

The source describes unpaid internships. The 4-week program is task-and-feedback based; the 8-week option adds 2 hours of weekly communication.

How can parents follow progress?

Ask the student directly, or contact Pathvella for updates and support.

Do all seven companies accept the same eligibility and hours?

This is not confirmed by the materials. Original company roles are full-time; eligibility, hours and guidance need company-by-company confirmation.

Silicon Valley Venture Bootcamp

4 weeks, in person

US$10,900

Per student, tuition only; all other expenses excluded.

May-September, with at least 3 activity days each week.

ELIGIBILITY NOTE

Eligibility requires written confirmation. The detailed source page specifies age 18+, admitted to college and not yet enrolled; the overview and participation page name high school and undergraduate students. See page 33.



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Four learning directions. Four kinds of work.

Turn startup trends, entrepreneurship, venture reasoning and professional exchange into questions, evidence and outputs.

01 Real Talk

Professional exchange & entrepreneurship

Closed-door conversations with founders and investors. Prepare questions, then write a reflection. The source specifies no recording.

02 Hackathon

Startup trends & team observation

Observe Bay Area AI demos and pitches, score teams from an investor's perspective and speak with selected teams.

03 Deal Review

Venture reasoning & company assessment

Research an authorized live project under a confidentiality agreement; conduct due diligence, write a memo and defend the analysis to partners.

04 Research

Trends, needs & value creation

Choose AI agents, robotics, AI infrastructure or AI applications; build an industry map, interview practitioners and write a report.

Access to real deals, events and participants is subject to cohort arrangements and confidentiality requirements.

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A four-week curriculum and practice plan

At least 3 activity days each week. Counts below are learning targets, not completed outcomes.

Week & theme	Learning and practice	Milestone output
01 / Think like an investor	Fund operations, valuation, SAFEs and term sheets; Real Talk and an introduction to the Palo Alto startup community.	Sector focus and research questions
02 / Research an industry	Target: interview 5+ practitioners per group and compare 30 companies, with founder Q&A.	Industry map, company comparison and draft report
03 / Find teams at a hackathon	Target: attend 1 Bay Area AI hackathon, assess teams using scorecards and hold follow-up conversations.	Top 3 teams with reasons and assessment notes
04 / Review a deal	Target: research 1 authorized project per group; conduct due diligence and defend the memo in a mock investment committee.	Investment memo, final research report and feedback

Targets, deal access, event admission and partner review depend on confirmed cohort arrangements.

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What a typical activity day could look like

A balance of topic learning, discussion and time to process what you have heard.

Example time	Example activity	Participation focus
10:00-11:30	Topic session	Understand an industry, startup or investing question
11:30-12:15	Questions & discussion	Discuss evidence and cases
12:15-14:00	Independent lunch break	Lunch and personal arrangements
14:00-15:30	Focused workshop	Analyze a case or work in a group
15:30-16:00	Notes & reflection	Record takeaways, disagreements and follow-up questions

This timetable illustrates the rhythm only. Meals are self-arranged; actual timing and content depend on the cohort.

Turn a conversation into useful reflection

Connect your questions with your interests, understanding and next steps.

01 **Before: prepare questions**

Research the person's background and business. Distinguish information already available from questions that need first-hand clarification.

02 **During: understand the reasoning**

Separate facts, experience and personal opinion. Ask about evidence and examples, while respecting the event's recording and confidentiality requirements.

03 **After: write a reflection**

Capture insights and disagreements, develop new questions and connect the discussion to future study and exploration.

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Three portfolio pieces. Your reasoning, made visible.

Work is attributed to students and based on the research, analysis and presentations they actually complete.

01

Industry research report

Industry map and company comparison
Practitioner interviews and findings
Attribution, sources and individual contribution

02

Investment memo

Business and company analysis
Team, competition, risks and open questions
Partner feedback

03

Hackathon team assessment

Team and product observations
Scorecards and supporting evidence
Priority teams and conversation records

COMPLETION CERTIFICATE | Records the work actually completed. Outstanding participants may be referred to companies; any internship decision remains with the company.

The bootcamp source states that recommendation letters are not sold. It does not promise internships, jobs or admission; remote-program letter packages do not apply.

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Investment memo: from opinion to evidence

Relay is a fictional example from the bootcamp materials, not a Pathvella student success story.

RELAY (FICTIONAL) | AI customer-service agent | Seed stage | Group 2 / four students

Example conclusion

A team with industry knowledge; a product used by 12 e-commerce customers at US$2,000 per customer per month.

Market, team & competition

Estimate target customers and market size; review the founders' backgrounds and compare general customer-service software with startups.

Due diligence & open questions

The example includes interviews, customer usage data and reference checks. Further questions cover renewals, sales cycle and competitor pricing.

KEY RISKS

1. Large model providers launch a similar feature
2. Customers concentrate on one e-commerce platform
3. Model API costs pressure gross margins

EXAMPLE PARTNER FEEDBACK

"When a major provider enters, why would customers stay with Relay?"

Research and hackathon team assessment

Organize industry structure, interview evidence and team judgments into reviewable work.

Foundation models

OpenAI
Anthropic
Google DeepMind
Meta

Developer tools

LangChain
LlamaIndex
CrewAI

Enterprise applications

Glean / Sierra
Decagon / Harvey

Infrastructure

Fireworks AI
Modal
Pinecone

INTERVIEW NOTE EXAMPLE

Source example: a 30-minute interview with an anonymous cross-border e-commerce customer-service lead. Questions address team size, time-intensive tasks and experiences with AI tools. Multilingual support and returns become hypotheses for further validation.

HACKATHON SCORECARD | FICTIONAL TEAMS

Team	People	Tech	Market	Execution	Total
A	9	8	8	9	34
B	8	9	7	8	32
C	7	9	8	7	31
D	8	6	7	7	28
E	6	7	6	8	27

Categories, interview notes and scores come from the supplied examples. Teams are fictional; these are not Pathvella student outcomes.

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18 source-listed past guests | 1 of 2

Names and descriptions are reproduced from the source, not a confirmed Pathvella faculty or invitation list.

Kevin Scott

Microsoft

Chief Technology Officer

Edwin Chen

Surge AI

AI company described as having no external financing

Deepak Pathak

Skild AI

Founder and CEO

Anton Osika

Lovable

Founder and CEO

Amjad Masad

Replit

Founder and CEO of an AI coding platform

Thomas Wolf

Hugging Face

Co-founder and Chief Science Officer

David Fischer

Formerly Meta

Former Facebook Chief Revenue Officer

Jonathan Siddharth

Turing

Training-data business serving AI laboratories

Deedy Das

Menlo Ventures

Partner

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18 source-listed past guests | 2 of 2

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Eric Jing

Genspark

Founder and CEO; former Baidu vice president

Zhenyu Luo

Dedao

Founder of the Dedao app

Mark Xu

RoboSense

President, global autonomous driving and overseas robotics

Shuyun Chung

Flexiv

Co-founder and Chief Robotics Scientist

Arvind Jain

Glean

Founder and CEO; previously co-founded Rubrik

Julie Zhuo

Sundial

Former Facebook VP of Product Design

Jim McKelvey

Square / Block

Co-founder of Square

Connie Chan

a16z

General Partner, as listed in the source

Jason Ma

Dyna Robotics

Former DeepMind research scientist

Learn through observation and conversation

Forums, hackathons and private sessions provide different views of products, teams and entrepreneurship.



Forbes China Silicon Valley Innovation Forum

Source caption: Computer History Museum



Agent Builder Day

Live presentation



Antler Physical AI Hackathon

Team pitch

Images and event names are from the source, not evidence of past Pathvella delivery. Participation and image permissions require confirmation.

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Three types of activity. Different perspectives.

Examples from the source, not a list of confirmed events or secured places for a current cohort.

Hackathons

Nebius Agentic Company Hackathon

Antler Physical AI Hackathon

AWS "AI Agents for Hire" Hackathon

Stanford AI Hackathon

AI + Education Hackathon at Stanford

Qoder Hackathon

Builders of Tomorrow AI Super Hackathon

Seed Agents Challenge

Forums & conferences

Forbes China Silicon Valley Innovation Forum

Alibaba Cloud x AMD Agent Builder Day

Multimodal Builders Night

NVIDIA GTC Afterparty

GenAI Collective AI Infrastructure Session

Private sessions & exchanges

Glean Founder Fireside Session

YC Application Private Session

MIT Media Lab Silicon Valley Session

a16z Internal Demo Day

National University of Singapore EMBA Exchange

Quarterly Demo Day

Guests, organizers, visits and admission depend on cohort arrangements and permissions. An event name does not establish an institutional partnership.

Silicon Valley tuition: what is included

US$10,900 covers the 4-week program tuition for one student. All other costs are excluded.

US$10,900

Tuition only

Plan separately for travel, accommodation, meals, transport, insurance and other expenses.

Expense category	Included?
4-week bootcamp tuition	Included
Accommodation & meals	Not included
Flights, local transport & airport transfers	Not included
Insurance & all other expenses	Not included

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Payment and remote-program delivery terms

The remote-program delivery terms do not automatically apply to the bootcamp.

Payment timing	The full fee is payable before the program begins.

Remote-program delivery assurance

The Chinese guide states: a full refund if the promised completion letter, recommendation letter and media coverage cannot be delivered.

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Bootcamp participation essentials

Confirm eligibility, practical arrangements and cohort details before enrolling.

Eligibility: source wording is inconsistent	The overview and participation page list high school and undergraduate students. The detailed bootcamp page specifies age 18+, admitted to college and not yet enrolled. Eligibility must be confirmed in writing; neither statement is treated as a new authorization.
Activity schedule	May-September; 4 weeks per cohort; at least 3 activity days per week.
Living arrangements & safety	Accommodation and other living expenses are excluded. The Chinese guide calls for a waiver to be signed before participation.
Cohort information	Confirm the location, timetable, teaching language, participants, and cancellation, withdrawal and change arrangements.

Read the change, cancellation, withdrawal and safety-responsibility terms before signing. Confirm the arrangements in writing.

Start with a conversation.

Share the following with your Pathvella program contact to discuss fit and confirm arrangements.

01	**Your stage of study**	Age, grade or undergraduate year; college admission status and planned enrollment date where relevant.
02	**Your interests & background**	Industries that interest you, previous experience and the questions you would like to explore.
03	**Your availability & preferred program**	Available dates, preferred format and weekly time commitment.

Contact Pathvella through the original channel where you received this guide.