

## Internship Backend Programmer

in an International Online Start-Up Company

(24-40 hrs/week Internship, the Netherlands)

*Become fully responsible for the complete IT structure within startup HousingAnywhere.com*

### **About HousingAnywhere.com**

HousingAnywhere.com is an online startup that provides a platform that helps students rent rooms to and from each other while they travel around the world. The platform is free to use and is strictly student-to-student, no other advertisers or renting parties are permitted. HousingAnywhere.com helps universities sign up as platform members so their students can use and profit from our services. Through this process universities gain an extra tool to increase their supplies of off-campus housing and students have a unique outlet to find and rent rooms when they are going abroad.

Watch our movie: [www.youtube.com/HousingAnywhere](http://www.youtube.com/HousingAnywhere)

### **International Expansion**

Since our formation in 2009 we have launched our platform at 72 universities worldwide. From Rotterdam to Barcelona and all the way to Sao Paulo, Singapore, and Los Angeles: HousingAnywhere.com is a rapidly growing start-up. We expect to grow to over 150 universities by the end of the summer.

### **Your Responsibilities**

You will be responsible for the complete IT structure of HousingAnywhere.com. You will be in charge of our website, which is the backbone of our company. We are looking for just ONE intern, one who is extremely talented, enthusiastic and imaginative programmer. You will need to solve complex problems with little-to-no guidance. We do not have any person with IT knowledge in our company (previously we worked with an external developer). The other people in our company are all current or graduated business students. You will have to communicate with them and translate their and your ideas into action on the website. Sounds challenging? This is your chance to show your skills and be a part of building a startup!

Mostly that will mean changes in the backend, but also some changes in the frontend. As mentioned above, there is no "Manager" above you who has experience with IT, so you should be comfortable enough with this responsibility.

### **Example of tasks of a “backend programmer”**

- Implement a function that automatically deletes advertisements older than 2 months from the website and sends to the advertiser an auto-message to inform that his advertisement is offline. Include in this auto-message a button with which the advertiser can re-activate the advertisement for another 2 months
- Making the website mobile proof
- Improving the search filters
- Optimizing our server and website
- a bit of SEO

### **Cool Things**

- This is not your average internship: You are not assisting a higher-level IT manager, YOU are the IT person in our company.
- You will work in an international start-up company
- A great opportunity to build up a resume/portfolio with hand-on experience in an online startup company.
- You will develop your programming skills
- You will have a lot of responsibility and will see direct results: if you make a change on the website, it will be immediately visible for all students using it, from Rotterdam to Sao Paulo, from Los Angeles to Barcelona.
- You will be part of a young, dynamic, and quickly growing company. Our team currently consists of 14 people, of which the oldest is 26 years old, coming from 10 different nationalities.
- Very good possibility of moving into a freelance position after the internship.
- You will be based in the Netherlands, in Rotterdam, in the picturesque student neighborhood Kralingen. Rotterdam is the second biggest city in the Netherlands and is one hour by train from the capital Amsterdam.
- When you intern with us, you're respected as a full member of the team, doing real work that often times ends up in production. As such, we hold you to the same high standards as anybody else in the company.

### Characteristics we are looking for in our Backend Developer:

- **Independent:** The ability to work independently: you report directly to the Founder of the company, who has no IT knowledge. All other people in the company also do not have IT knowledge. They only have ideas. You should be able to program elements in the website with your own knowledge, or have the ability to search for information how to program these elements.
- **Structured:** The ability to work in a structured manner: the only way to make sure that HousingAnywhere.com will not become a victim of its own growth, is to be very organized. You will need to develop checklists yourself to keep everything in a structured way.
- **Language:** Dutch or English (one of them is required)
- **Skills that you have or able to learn yourself very quickly:**
  - Programming experience,
  - MySQL
  - Apache
  - Linus server management
  - AJAX
  - PHP
  - PHP template coding
  - Word Press
  - Word Press plugins
  - Google Maps API
  - Facebook plugins
  - All other techniques that you find on HousingAnywhere.com
  - You do not need to be a designer – we already have designers on the team. You just need to be a good coder. However, if you have creative ideas about the design that's of course also welcome!

### Time period

- 24-40 hours a week (preferably 40 hours)
- Starting mid-January 2014 (start date is flexible)
- End date: flexible. At least 2.5 months.
- You will work from our office in Rotterdam, the Netherlands

### Payment

500 Euros per month

### Apply

You can apply by sending your CV, motivation letter and a portfolio (websites or code samples from one of your personal or school projects) to Hannah Loef on [Hannah@housinganywhere.com](mailto:Hannah@housinganywhere.com). You can send it in Dutch or English (both languages we understand). If you have any question before applying, feel free to send us an email on the above mentioned email address.

**Please apply before Sunday 15 December, 23:00h!**

**The sooner you send your CV, motivation letter, portfolio (websites or code samples from one of your personal or school projects) to us, the earlier we can start the interview process and reach to our decision.**