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Development of educational technologies

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INTERNS NEEDED
2 BS

PREREQUISITES
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1. Experience with Raspberry Pi or Beaglebone, Apache, PHP, MySQL, Java, web applications, etc