

**Title:** Wharton Social Impact Bendheim Externships, Firework Ventures Analyst

**Location:** Virtual

**Start Date:** Summer 2021 (possible extension to Fall 2021 if mutually agreed)

**Time Commitment:** 40 hours per week for 10-12 weeks during Summer 2021 semester

### **About the fund**

Brigette Lau (former GP of Social Capital, \$1.2B AUM) and Ashley Bittner (formerly of Owl Ventures, \$1B AUM, WG13) have launched a new venture capital fund, Firework Ventures.

Firework Ventures' mission is to ignite human potential. Our goal is to be the category-defining fund in the future of work, with a human-centered approach to investing in this market. Our investment thesis cuts across education, human resources, financial services, benefits and more. We define the investment opportunity in the future of work as new models of work, worker mobility, support and well-being, and skills. Brigitte and Ashley (a Wharton MBA grad) have extensive experience investing in the sector in Notable companies like Guild Education, BetterUp, and Degreed. This position will be funded by WSII thanks to the generosity of the Bendheim Impact Fund.

### **The Opportunity**

The future of work is at the forefront of debates around the world. Advances in automation, digitalization, and AI are changing the economy at a pace we haven't seen since the Industrial Revolution. Research suggests that more than 800 million jobs will be affected globally by 2030. We believe this is an opportunity. We invest in entrepreneurs helping people thrive in this changing economy. We invest in this market because we believe these companies solve real problems facing the workforce, and have the potential to drive upward mobility while generating outsized financial returns.

### **About the position**

We are currently seeking a venture capital fellow to contribute to Fund I. Key attributes include:

- Strong analytical and financial skills
- Strong communication skills
- Detail orientation
- Team building and cross-cultural skills
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Demonstrated mission-alignment

Specific responsibilities include:

- Due diligence on potential investments
- Market mapping
- Source new potential investment opportunities
- Meet new entrepreneurs

The venture capital fellow will work directly with Firework Ventures GPs and key advisors throughout the fellowship. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to interact with our portfolio company CEOs

as well as new entrepreneurs as part of the deal sourcing process. The fellowship will provide all-around exposure to venture capital and impact investing.

**Application process:** We will be accepting applications and conducting interviews on a rolling basis. Submit your cover letter and resume via email with the subject line “Bendheim Externship” to Alana Rush at [alana@firework.vc](mailto:alana@firework.vc) by 3/22/21. Only candidates moving to the interview round will be notified.

**Externship Award & Requirements:**

The student is eligible for a taxable Externship award for graduate students (please contact the Bendheim Fellowship/WSII for details)

**Participation in the Externship and receiving the financial award is contingent upon the following:**

- Satisfactory review by the client
- Successful and timely completion of the project tasks
- Creation of a 500-word blog post or other form of media on your experience or social impact topic, to be potentially published on the WSII website