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**Orr Fellows Looking for 20 New Recruits for 2-year Commitments at High-Growth Indiana Companies**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.: An intensive search for 20 Indiana college seniors who want to lead the next generation of Hoosier entrepreneurs is about to begin. In addition to membership in the coveted Robert D. Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship, the program offers a two-year position with a high-growth company and the distinguished opportunity to learn from some of the best known leaders in Indiana.

Applicants must be highly-talented undergraduate seniors graduating in Dec. 2009 or May 2010 from Indiana colleges or universities. Hoosier natives attending out-of-state institutions will also be considered, but aggressive recruitment begins next month on Indiana campuses. To apply for the Orr Fellowship or to learn how your company can host a Fellow, visit [www.orr-fellowship.org](http://www.orr-fellowship.org).

“The Orr Fellowship offers early-stage professionals an unparalleled chance to see, do, collaborate, learn, and develop,” said Ali Sales Roach, a 2003 alumnus of the Orr Fellowship who is now President of Compendium Blogware, a host company for the Fellowship. “Orr Fellows have a built-in network of peers and business leaders that expose them to challenges and experiences that may take decades to gain at other companies.”

The current Fellowship class, who will be the first checkpoint for the next crop of applicants, includes 20 recent top college graduates who represent hometowns across the U.S. and colleges from each corner of Indiana (see list below.) Applicants who make it through the scrutiny of the current Fellows will be interviewed by executives who lead the participating Fellowship companies (see this year’s list below.)

“This is no ordinary internship. We demand a lot from the Fellows because they are expected to become leaders in the state,” said Scott Brenton, a Fellowship founder. “Putting the Fellows in this inspirational setting was meant to help them really push the envelope and put their own stamp on the program.”

The current Fellowship class recently spent the weekend at the Edward Lowe Foundation in Cassopolis, Mich., mapping out their strategy for the Fellowship as well as planning this year’s recruitment drive. The Foundation is a preeminent retreat location for entrepreneurs across the country ([www.lowe.org](http://www.lowe.org)) and its selection as the main brainstorming location was no accident. It was the Fellows’ first gathering with both classes as a cohesive group. The Fellows participated in leadership activities designed to promote teamwork and clarify their collective mission; they also set individual and personal goals for the upcoming year.

“Our weekend together helped us hone in on our strengths and weaknesses as a group. The activities and assignments helped the Orr Fellows collaborate and refocus efforts. This weekend was a great example of just part of the benefits this Fellowship offers. It’s really a great opportunity,” said Matt Hunckler, a 2009 Fellow working as a client specialist in his host company, BlueLock LLC ([www.bluelock.com](http://www.bluelock.com)).



<b>Current Fellows</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Host Company</b>
Eric Barnard	Flora, IN	Purdue University	RICS Software
Teresa Becker	Everly, IA	Indiana Wesleyan University	ExactTarget
Ty Benefiel	Monrovia, IN	Wabash College	Angie's List
Allison Bowen	Fremont, IN	Butler University	Compendium Blogware
Trey Buck	Austin, TX	Rose Hulman Institute of Tech.	Oxygen Education
Nate Bullock	Indianapolis, IN	IUPUI	Brightpoint N.A.
Natalie Ciambrone	Centerville, OH	DePauw University	WebLink International
Blaine Cooper-Surma	Free Soil, MI	Wabash College	ExactTarget
Alicia Glick	Fort Wayne, IN	Indiana University	BlueLock, LLC
Joseph Groot	South Bend, IN	Butler University	Apparatus
Ally Hill	Westfield, IN	Miami of Ohio University	Canon IV
Matt Hunckler	West Lafayette, IN	Indiana University	BlueLock, LLC
Katie Lindahl	West Chicago, IL	Valparaiso University	ExactTarget
Jessica May	Rockport, IN	Indiana State University	Author Solutions
Amber Mohling	Cedar Falls, IA	Indiana Wesleyan University	Compendium Blogware
Robert Pampel	Matteson, IL	Valparaiso University	Angie's List
Bryan Povlinski	Chesterton, IN	Indiana University	Sigma Micro
Bob Reish	Exton, PA	University of Notre Dame	Angie's List
Gerald Sims	LaPorte, IN	Purdue University	Author Solutions
Katie Veatch	Bartlett, IL	DePauw University	Angie's List

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*The Governor Bob Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship serves as an applied training vehicle for the State's future entrepreneurs and organizational leaders. The Fellowship offers Indiana's top college graduates a challenging position with strong entrepreneurial companies across the state for a two-year fellowship. Through interaction with senior leadership at sponsoring companies and monthly meetings with Indiana's distinguished business and political leaders, the Orr Fellowship aims to prepare Fellows for successful careers, ultimately aiding in the development of Indiana's economy. For more: [www.orr-fellowship.org](http://www.orr-fellowship.org).*