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Innovia Foundation recognized for internship program

SPOKANE, WA, November 2019 — Innovia Foundation was recently honored as a runner up for the Spokane Workforce Council's (SWC) Internship Guide Business Award in recognition of their internship program.

SWC launched their Internship Guide in February 2019. It provides software to aid businesses in structuring and managing their internship programs, including a communication and time tracking system.

"My internship with Innovia Foundation has provided me opportunities to expand my skill set and gain unmatched real-world experience that I will be able to use in my career," said current Washington Trust Bank Communications Fellow, Amanda Oliver. Since 2012, Washington Trust Bank has provided funding to Innovia Foundation to support Fellows from Gonzaga University.

SWC's award recipient and runners up were selected from a survey completed by interns. Pearson Packaging was also recognized as a runner up, and DH received the award.

"Innovia Foundation is committed to ensuring every person has the opportunity to thrive. Internships, including our Washington Trust Bank Fellow Program, give students an opportunity to develop and enhance their professional skills and build strong relationships in their field," said Innovia Foundation CEO Shelly O'Quinn.

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Innovia Foundation ignites generosity that transforms lives and communities so that every person has the opportunity to thrive. As the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, we partner with people who want to make our world better. We work together to address and solve our region's problems, help those in need, identify and respond to our greatest opportunities and leave a lasting impact. Each year, Innovia Foundation invests nearly \$7 million into our communities through grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and local students.