

Adventure Fellowship:
Scuba Dive, Hike, Climb, Beaches ...and Code
CHANGE THE WORLD!
Cebu, Philippines

About Opportunity Labs & engageSPARK

Imagine a world where a large conglomerate like General Electric (GE) directs 100% of its profits towards improving the lives of the poor around the world. We think it's time to reimagine our existing economic models and tweak them slightly to tackle today's biggest global issues. At [Opportunity Labs](#), we're building a conglomerate of not-for-profit social businesses that are pro-poor in social and economic impact either through the products themselves or by creating jobs at scale – with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of millions of poor people worldwide. We operate just like a business: we aim to maximize profit through excellent execution and a focus on satisfying customer needs. The only difference between us and a typical business is that all of our profits are used to continually increase impact around the world.

Our first product, [engageSPARK](#), aka “Twilio for Everyone,” empowers organizations to dramatically extend the reach and effectiveness of their pro-poor programs. engageSPARK, a not-for-profit social business, is the easiest to use self-service solution to enable organizations to quickly launch comprehensive messaging, surveying, curriculum, and decision tree programs focused on developing countries via SMS, Voice Calls (roughly half of the world's poor are illiterate), and Missed Calls in 200+ countries. To understand the problems we're solving, please read <http://engagespark.com/blog/is-sms-really-solution-change-voice-calls-are-for-most-poor-people/>.

Customers such as Innovations for Poverty Action, MedAir, Mercy Corps, and US Institute for Peace are using the engageSPARK platform in countries around the world to make social change in the areas of Agriculture, Health, Finance, Elections, and Disaster Planning & Response.

Mercy Corps, a major international non-profit, used our self-service platform to help 20,000 survivors of Typhoon Haiyan improve their budgeting and savings skills. People received soap operas via quizzes – both via two-way SMS and Voice IVR calls. They sent out over 1 Million Calls & SMS messages across the program. Mercy Corps didn't realize this was possible (in a simple and affordable way) before they met us. Their non-tech staff built and launched the campaigns in just minutes. Check out the NetHope blog post & webinar [here](#).

Become an Opportunity Labs Fellow

Opportunity Labs is looking for talented people who are passionate and ready to step up to make change in our world – to help us tackle global poverty at scale by building new businesses around the world. This position offers the unique opportunity to learn about and build social businesses while working with a distinguished and diverse team with experience in both private and public sectors at organizations such as GE, Grameen Foundation, IBM, Not In My Country, Oracle, Lexmark, Microsoft, Motorola, NEC, Tripit, Yahoo, and other successful startups (CEO founded companies that today employ over 2,500 people with US\$1.5 Billion market valuation).

Although you will be focused on helping build the engageSPARK platform, one of your key responsibilities will be sharing your knowledge with our talented Filipino team and the local community. As part of our work to also give back to the local community, you will share your skills and experience with local developers and entrepreneurs. To help build and grow the tech startup ecosystem in Cebu, we have created a co-working space for the tech community, [The TIDE](#), where you'll be able to participate in tech meetups each week and interact with local entrepreneurs.

Fellowships are a 9 to 24 month commitment to live and work in Cebu City, Philippines. This is an unpaid volunteer position, but includes a monthly stipend to cover living costs.

What You Gain as a Fellow

- Invaluable work & life experience in an entrepreneurial organization working on innovative business models to alleviate global poverty
- Work with and learn from a distinguished team
- Learn deeply about building software platforms at scale for a global audience
- Learn about mobile phone technology, especially Voice and SMS telephony
- Learn about social entrepreneurship and social enterprises in developing countries
- Learn about the technology and startup ecosystems in Southeast Asia
- International work and living experience
- Teaching experience
- A chance to make a significant impact through transfer of knowledge and skills to our talented local team
- Know that your work is improving the lives of tens of thousands of people in poverty worldwide

Software Fellowships

We're looking for Software Fellows to help build engageSPARK, our innovative cloud platform, and to work with our team on some of the latest technologies including Go (GoLang), Thrift, Microservices, Consul, Python, Django, Java, PostgreSQL, CouchDB, Nginx, Redis, Android, Freeswitch, hosted queues, Docker, etc. You must have programming proficiency in object oriented design in C, C++, C#, Go, Java or Python, MVC frameworks, and experience in working with cloud stacks.

About Cebu City, Philippines

Located on Cebu Island, Cebu City is the second largest city in the Philippines. It's a safe place to live with a variety of malls, restaurants, shops, beaches, and activities such as scuba diving, running, hiking, rock climbing, and snorkeling. It has a busy international airport with cheap flights to domestic and regional destinations. It's easy to explore numerous nearby islands such as Bohol via ferries. More info:

[http://wikitravel.org/en/Cebu_\(city\)](http://wikitravel.org/en/Cebu_(city)) and check out the pictures on [Google Images](#). You can go scuba diving every morning or night, and weekends!

Apply

Please send us your resume and a cover letter describing the reasons why you wish to become an Opportunity Labs Fellow, how the Fellowship relates to your past experiences, and how it will help you with your life goals. Email both to Fellows@OppLabs.org.