



23 interns to experience true value of cancer diagnostics

An amazing summer awaits students eager to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients

TUCSON, Ariz., May 22, 2013 – 2013 Everyone knows internships are of vital importance to landing a job after college and grad school. And, when your internship opportunity is incredibly cool and aligns with your passion, it just doesn't get much better. That's the mindset of 23 undergraduate and graduate students starting internships at [Ventana Medical Systems, Inc.](#) (Ventana), a member of the [Roche](#) Group, this week, selected because of their scholastic ability and passion for the important and growing field of cancer diagnostics. While ambitious students across the country fan out across government, conservation, and high tech companies, a lucky group has landed on Ventana campuses in Tucson, AZ and Mountain View, CA where they'll hit the track fast working with world-class scientists, researchers, engineers and business executives, and many will even rub shoulders with the company's Founder Dr. Thomas Grogan, M.D.

"Everyone at Ventana is passionate about fighting cancer," says Ventana President Mara G. Aspinall. "We believe this year's interns are equally passionate, and we're very pleased to have this talented group join our team for the summer to contribute to our mission, bring new energy to our work environment, and experience first-hand what it means be part of the number one



biotechnology company in the world.”

The Ventana internship program is designed to give exceptional students insight into the emerging cancer diagnostics field as it relates to their area of concentration in school, and all of the projects are relevant. For example, one project will focus on the development of FDA-approved or cleared nucleic acid tissue-based diagnostics and another takes students into the exciting world of Quantum Dot imaging. The program’s other purpose is to identify potential future employees for Ventana.

“I joined Ventana because I wanted to know that I was contributing in a meaningful, positive way to the world,” says intern Alan Underwood. *“Ventana has a strong history of innovation, is doing fascinating research, and is making huge impacts in the lives of patients. Those things make employees proud to be here.”*

Twelve of the interns are pursuing degrees at the University of Arizona and three are with Arizona State University; the others come from various US and international universities. Their majors include marketing, finance, biostatistics, and pharmacy, with most pursuing studies in engineering and the sciences.

During the summer, the interns will work alongside Ventana employees on projects ranging from mechanical engineering and systems integration to international marketing strategy and molecular assay development.

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[Ventana Medical Systems, Inc.](#) (“VMSI”) (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY), a member of the [Roche](#) Group, innovates and manufactures instruments and reagents that automate tissue processing and slide staining for cancer diagnostics. VENTANA solutions are used in clinical histology and drug development research laboratories worldwide. The company’s intuitive, integrated staining, workflow management platforms, and digital pathology solutions optimize laboratory efficiencies to reduce errors, support diagnosis and inform treatment decisions for anatomic pathology professionals. Together with Roche, VMSI is driving [Personalized Healthcare](#) through accelerated drug discovery and the development of “companion diagnostics” to identify the patients most likely to respond favorably to

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