## ACI/FORVIS Micro-Internship Project by Parker Dewey to Launch Sept. 16 Sept. 1, 2022



<u>FORVIS LLP</u> will sponsor <u>ACI's Micro-Internship</u> <u>Project</u> this fall, which is expected to help raise awareness of micro-internships among students attending ACI's 26 member colleges and universities.

To be known as the "ACI/FORVIS Micro-Internship Project by Parker Dewey," the project is expected to

reach at least 260 students -- 10 students from each <u>ACI member institution</u> -- seeking micro-internships.

"FORVIS, LLP ranks among the nation's top 10 professional services firms and is driven by the commitment to use our forward vision to deliver unmatched client experiences," said Kimberly J. Marshall, FORVIS audit director and ACI Board of Trustees member. "We are delighted to support career-driven students with an opportunity to build their networks and have real world experiences. Internships are a great way for students to find their passion and learn what motivates them. Our partnership with ACI and Parker Dewey is just one example of how we support and connect with our communities. We look forward to a successful ACI/ FORVIS Micro-Internship Project by Parker Dewey."

FORVIS, LLP is a professional services firm, offering comprehensive assurance, tax, advisory and wealth management services. It was formed June 1, when two accounting, advisory and tax service firms, BKD and DHG, merged. With a combined \$1.4 billion in revenue, FORVIS has offices across the United States and internationally.

## ACI/FORVIS project to benefit underserved students

For several years, ACI has worked with Parker Dewey to provide micro-internships to Illinois college students, to help them gain valuable work experience. Studies have shown that students who successfully complete micro-internships have a competitive edge in securing and keeping jobs, according to the grant application.

To advance the micro-internship program, ACI was awarded a \$20,000 First Opportunity Partners grant earlier this year by the <u>Council of Independent Colleges</u>, Washington, D.C., with support from the UPS Foundation. ACI committed to raise an additional \$30,000 to fund this project, which was provided by FORVIS and individual donors.

The project calls for each ACI-member campus to appoint a student ambassador to recruit at least 10 underserved students to apply for at least four micro-internships by Nov. 30. Ambassadors will earn \$480 for their efforts. ACI/FORVIS will provide a video presentation and other materials to help students write successful applications.

In addition, the project will provide a \$500 scholarship for one student and nine \$100 cash gifts for other participants at each member campus. Scholarship recipients will be

randomly chosen by computer drawings. Scholarships and cash gifts will be awarded in January 2023.