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Dear *Prof.Dr. Farouk Shaaban*,
Head of the Department of Computer Science,
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Google has recently launched Google Summer of Code Program worldwide for this year. We got almost 6,685 proposals from 4,258 students worldwide applied for this program but only 1,212 were selected. And from these 1,212, **only 3 Egyptians were selected, and luckily they were all from your university:**

- 1. Karim Ahmed El Hussein** 4th Grade Computer Science.
Project: Fair Use Tool Revamp
Organization: Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University
- 2. Islam Tariq Wazery** 4th Grade Computer Science.
Project: Import Interface Revamp in digiKam
Organization: KDE International Open Source Software Community
- 3. Ahmed Refaat Tawfik** 4th Grade Computer Science.
Project: Implementation of PageOneX project for an online platform
Organization: Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University

Google Summer of Code is a *global program* that offers post-secondary student developers stipends to write code for various open source software projects. We have worked with open source, free software, and technology-related groups to identify and fund projects over a three month period. Since its inception in 2005, the program has brought together over 6000 successful student participants and over 3000 mentors from over 100 countries worldwide, all for the love of code. Through Google Summer of Code, accepted student applicants are paired with a mentor or mentors from the participating projects, thus gaining exposure to real-world software development scenarios and the opportunity for employment in areas related to their academic pursuits. In turn, the participating projects are able to more easily identify and bring in new developers. Best of all, more source code is created and released for the use and benefit of all. Accepted students are stipends \$500 before starting coding their projects and \$2225 after the mid term evaluations and another \$2225 after the final evaluations. Mentors get \$500 for the program.

Cordially,
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