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Three students will be working on three open source projects

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Google's Summer of Code program is about to get started and Twitter couldn't be more stoked. This is the first time that Twitter has joined in the program to mentor students and help them learn more about programming.

Google's Summer of Code focuses on open source technology which is a great fit for Twitter. Not only are they now a sponsor of the Apache Foundation, but they have been open sourcing a lot of the software used to power the inner workings of Twitter. Working with a company as well-known as Twitter must be pretty awesome and we wish them the best.

Twitter chose three students to help them develop code over the summer. All three students will be working on various open source projects that Twitter is developing. Besides the students getting an invaluable education, Twitter gets free help with their code since Google pays the students who participate in the program.

The first student, Federico Brubacher, has been programming since he was 6. If that's not impressive enough, he is also on his way to finishing up his MS in computer science at ORT Uruguay. During his time with Twitter, he will be "building scalable, online machine learning algorithms on top of Storm." Storm is the software that powers Twitter's Analytics platform.

The second student, Kirill Lashuk, is currently studying math and computer science at Belarusian State University in Minsk. For his summer project, he will be adding more localization capabilities to TwitterCLDR. TwitterCLDR "uses Unicode's Common Locale Data Repository to format certain types of text into their localized equivalents."

The third and final student, Ruben Oanta, is also on his way to finishing up his MS in computer science at DePaul University. His job will be adding MySQL support to Finagle, a "protocol-agnostic library that abstracts the complicated details of asynchronous RPC communication."

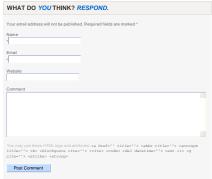It looks like Twitter has some fantastic students working on some really important stuff. It's nice to see a company giving students proper jobs in programming. Twitter is a friend to the open source movement so here's hoping they instill that same love for open source in the next generation of programmers.

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