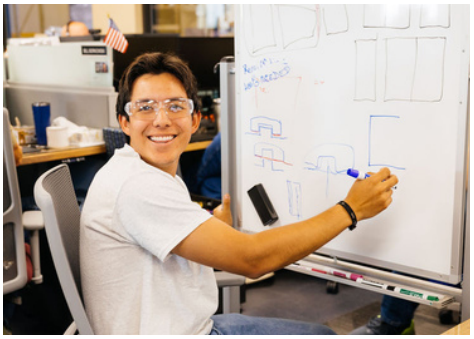
ND EPSCoR STTAR PROGRAM

Are you a North Dakota business interested in hiring a STEM intern this summer? The ND EPSCoR STTAR program might be for you.


The **Students in Technology Transfer and Research** (STTAR) program **provides upper-division students** in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with **an opportunity to use their academic training and experience to address the most challenging science and technology-based problems** faced by North Dakota companies.

ND EPSCoR cost-shares the student wage at $7.50 per hour. Interns must be paid a minimum wage of $15 per hour. Businesses are to identify, recruit, and hire their student interns.

ND EPSCoR established the STTAR program in 1994 in response to recognized state and national needs for increased technology transfer from universities to industry. Since that time, over 100 North Dakota companies from across the state have participated in this highly successful program.

Nodak Electric Coop had this to say about the STTAR program in 2023

We have had dozens of students come through the program. In fact, we have four current engineers who were at one time a STTAR student. Being able to house a student in the summer and keep them on for multiple semesters throughout the school year really gives us the opportunity to develop the student into a full time-like role. If at the end of their tenure there is an opening at Nodak they are always first on the list for a new hire. When there is not an opening, we have had students go to places such as Polaris, Arctic Cat, 3M, and Texas Instruments.

ABOUT STTAR

BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY

The North Dakota business enterprise does not have to be a technology company to be eligible for assistance. However, the research effort or specific problem to be addressed must have its foundation in STEM. To participate, companies must demonstrate that students will use their science and technology education and experience to: 1) make significant contributions to company performance, 2) contribute to new product/process development, and/or 3) advance company's technology transfer activities including intellectual property protection and commercialization.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Participating students must be U.S. citizens or be eligible to work in the United States and be at least sophomore status (by credits earned) and enrolled at:

- North Dakota University System institution;
- North Dakota Tribal College System institution; or
- Other colleges and universities, if a North Dakota resident.



SALARIES/COST SHARING

STTAR cost-share is $7.50/hour. Wage for the intern must be a minimum $15/hour. Maximum summer program award per intern from ND EPSCoR is $3,600. Reimbursement for internships must occur between May 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 for a minimum of eight (8) weeks. Allocation of positions is based on the availability of funds.

Please note that competitive salaries for technically-trained students generally exceed $15 per hour, based on cooperative education salary data.

DEADLINES

February 28, 2025: Last day to submit the STTAR Business Application Form via the NDSU Submission Portal. A guide for accessing the NDSU Submission Portal can be found on our website.
May 6, 2025: Company's signed contracts returned to NDSU.
August 31, 2025: Company and students provide final reports, submitted via the NDSU Submission Portal.
September 15, 2025: Company's final invoice must be submitted.

QUESTIONS

Please email ndepscor@ndus.edu with questions about the STTAR program and how to participate.