

### *Bridging the Resource Gap... Continued*

“Work-integrated learning initiatives benefit industry partners by providing cost-effective project support, and they empower students with real-world professional experiences. Through these experiences, we are fostering a new generation of professionals ready to tackle the challenges of the workforce,” says Vance Koberstein, Manager of Partner Engagement at MRU Career Services.

One of the key highlights of the Student Consulting Projects program is the commitment to providing project support at no cost to industry partners.

- General Science students pledge 60 hours of their time, focusing on testing, analysis, data collection, reporting, and outreach communications.
- Business and Environmental Science students contribute 30-40 hours to assist with project planning, execution, monitoring, and closure.
- Computer Science students offer their expertise in AI/ML, dedicating 30-40 project hours to tasks related to machine learning, deep learning, data preprocessing, model evaluation, ethics of data analysis, documentation, and reporting.

The program is open to industry partners who share a genuine interest in student professional development and are comfortable with pilot-testing work-integrated learning experiences. Clear communication is key, as partners are expected to have a well-defined understanding of the deliverables they desire from the students. Participation can be virtual or hybrid, depending on the unique needs of the project and partner location. Consulting projects run from January 22 to April 2, 2024.

High-level project idea submissions are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis throughout November 2023. The partner idea submission process is designed to be quick, easy and collaborative, allowing industry partners to submit preliminary concepts that will be refined in collaboration with MRU's Career Services team. This process ensures projects align seamlessly with the needs and goals of the industry partners.

Industry partner spots are limited for this exciting opportunity. To learn more and engage in this opportunity, contact Career Services at [workexperiencejobs@mtroyal.ca](mailto:workexperiencejobs@mtroyal.ca)