



Help college students place into co-op and advanced manufacturing internship positions that potentially lead to fulfilling, full-time careers.

Ohio Means Internships and Co-ops (OMIC) 2.5

Funded by the Ohio Department of Higher Education (formerly the Ohio Board of Regents), the goal of OMIC is to grow the number of faculty externships, student internships and co-ops within advanced manufacturing and emerging technology sectors in Northeast Ohio. The grant ends June 30, 2017.

Faculty Externship

A faculty externship is an activity that provides faculty an opportunity to assist, observe and learn inside the workplace in order to apply that knowledge in the classroom. The externship can be project-based or time spent with an employer to assess and/or improve processes, technology, or efficiencies.

Time Requirements

While the grant allows for flexibility between the faculty and the employer, all requirements must be completed by June 1, 2017.

Programs/Disciplines:

Eligibility is open to numerous programs, with the understanding that co-op and/or internship learning experiences must be within advanced manufacturing or emerging technologies. Program areas include, but are not limited to, engineering, IT, business administration and liberal arts.

Eligible Schools

All two-year and four-year higher education institutions located in Northeast Ohio are eligible to participate, including public and private, and technical centers.

Faculty benefits

- Enhanced program visibility
- Strengthened relationships
- OMIC stipend (up to \$3,000), payable to the home institution based on policies and procedures of that institution

Stipend Options

Option 1: Participate in an externship or passage of the NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) exam, and serve as Instructor of Record (IOR) for at least four students. Total stipend: \$3,000.

Option 2: Participate in a tour, workshop or conference and serve as the IOR for at least four students. Total stipend: \$1,000.

Overall Goal

- 50 externship placements
- 190 paid internship/co-op placements

Student Benefits

- Paid co-op/internship experience
- \$500 scholarship (to qualified students)
- Professional work experience
- Flexible work schedules
- Academic credit

Employer Benefits

- Develops a pipeline of talent
- Enhances the relationship with the faculty
- Gains an external advocate for industry

NEXT STEPS

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