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## Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program Partners with Ohio Army National Guard to Deploy Top Talent

**COLUMBUS** – ROTC cadets embody leadership, drive, honor, and hard work; character traits that are in high-demand at Ohio's technology businesses. The Ohio Third Frontier recognized the need to retain these skilled students in Ohio by connecting them with valuable internship opportunities that could lead to full-time employment following graduation.

The Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program is partnering with the Ohio Army National Guard to actively encourage businesses and cadets to connect through the [Ohio Means Jobs](#) website, administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

"This partnership is the type of collaboration needed to keep Ohio's workforce strong and vibrant," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development and Chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. "There is a strong desire from both the cadets and businesses for internship opportunities, and we are filling that need with the help of our partners at the Ohio Army National Guard, the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation team, and the Ohio Means Jobs staff."

"We're delighted to be a partner in this project," said Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Michael Colbert. "These cadets are some of Ohioans brightest students. Matching them with high-quality internships will improve their career prospects and help them become the highly skilled leaders that Ohio businesses are seeking."

To date, the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program has placed more than 4,000 interns with one of 800-plus Ohio high-tech employers participating in the program. The internship targets a variety of high-tech fields such as advanced energy; advanced materials; advanced propulsion; biomedical; instruments, controls, and electronics; and information technology.

"This partnership greatly benefits all parties involved," said Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Shank, Recruiting and Retention Battalion Commander for the Ohio Army National Guard. "Businesses are able to recruit some of our brightest young leaders, cadets gain civilian work experiences to better prepare them for graduation, and the Ohio Army National Guard retains these young officers to lead our soldiers and carry our organization into the future."

To be eligible for the program, ROTC cadets must be working on a college degree in physical sciences, biological sciences, agricultural sciences, computer sciences, engineering, or mathematics. They must be at least a college sophomore at a four-year college or university, a second year student at a two-year Ohio technical or community college, or a master's or doctoral candidate in high-tech graduate studies. They also must be in good academic standing with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or better.

Up to \$3,000 is available through the program for internships (full- or part-time) and companies

provide matching funds on a 1:1 basis, bringing the total per internship to \$6,000. For more information on the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program, visit [www.OhioMeansJobs.com](http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com) or [www.thirdfrontierintern.ohio.gov](http://www.thirdfrontierintern.ohio.gov).

**Ohio Third Frontier**, an unprecedented and bipartisan commitment to create new technology-based products, companies, industries, and jobs, has attracted more than \$7.3 billion in other investments to Ohio, and has a nearly 9:1 return on investment since its inception. The Ohio Third Frontier has also assisted in the creation and retention of more than 88,000 direct and indirect jobs for Ohioans. For more information, visit [ohiothirdfrontier.com](http://ohiothirdfrontier.com). For more information on Ohio's entrepreneurship activities, visit [www.hivelocitymedia.com](http://www.hivelocitymedia.com).

The **Ohio Department of Development** works with partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector to build strong communities that support job creation. Through programming that targets businesses, local governments, and Ohio residents, the Department provides financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.

The **Ohio Army National Guard** consists of 17,000 Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians who serve the citizens of Ohio and the United States to fulfill its state and federal military role of providing public safety when ordered by the Governor or support the national military strategy when ordered by the President. When called, the Ohio National Guard responds with ready units to execute federal, state, and community missions.

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