



Third Frontier

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Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program

The Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program is developing a pool of talented workers for Ohio for-profit companies and exposing students to the strategies and processes of business environments by creating student work experiences for Ohio residents. The program links college students with Ohio for-profit companies commercializing new products, technologies, and processes in the technology areas of Advanced Energy; Advanced Materials; Advanced Propulsion; Biomedical; Instruments, Controls and Electronics; and Information Technology.

Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program funds are competitively awarded to regional partners located within the six Ohio Third Frontier defined regions – Northeast (two regional partners), Northwest, Central, West Central, Southeast two regional partners, and Southwest. Regional partners are Ohio nonprofit organizations representing professional and/or business associations, regional economic development organizations, or One-Stop employment centers. The regional partners serve as the conduit for investing in student internships at for-profit Ohio companies. Students and companies interested in participating in the program can register at www.thirdfrontierintern.ohio.gov.

Funding

For-profit companies will be provided up to \$3,000 for each eligible internship (full- or part-time opportunity). Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program funds must be matched with private funds on a 1:1 cash basis, which could equate to \$6,000 in earnings over one year for a student intern.

Students and Internships

Internships are for eligible Ohio students enrolled at an Ohio higher education institution. They must be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher) and currently registered as a second-year technical or community college student; a sophomore, junior, or senior at a four-year institution; or a masters or doctoral candidate in high-tech graduate studies in an approved high-tech curriculum. Internships are to be associated with a defined high-tech category for a limited period of time (at least 10 weeks of full-time employment or 20 weeks of part-time employment).

For-profit Companies

Companies must be registered to do business in Ohio and have a Principal Place of Business in Ohio at which a qualifying internship will be conducted. Companies must provide valid high-tech internships in one of the Ohio Third Frontier technology focus areas.

Regional Partners

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