

STTAR is administered through the combined efforts of the ND EPSCoR State Office and academic Career Offices in ND. Although related to the more general cooperative education and internship programs offered throughout the state, STTAR's primary emphasis is on **research and development**.

The ND EPSCoR State Office established the STTAR program in 1994 in response to recognized state and national needs for increased technology transfer from universities to industry. Since then, dozens of ND companies have participated, and many continue to be active in the program.

The ND EPSCoR State Office is a North Dakota University System (NDUS) entity designed to make North Dakota more nationally competitive for federal, regional, and private research grants in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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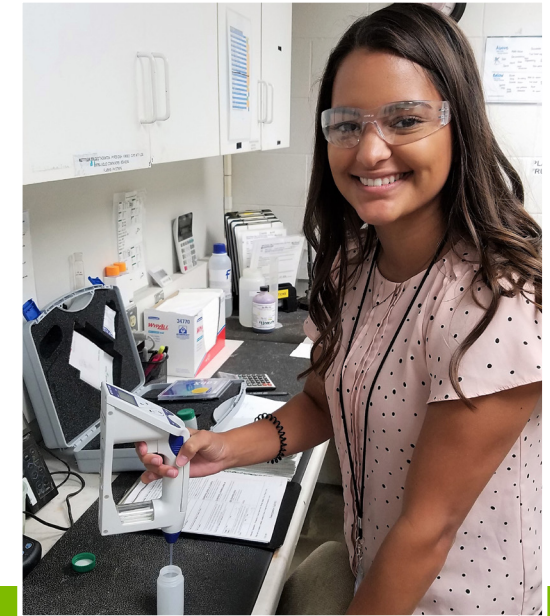
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As a North Dakota business,
you are invited to participate in the...

STTAR PROGRAM

Students in Technology Transfer And Research

Applying innovative knowledge to company science and technology challenges and offering student salary cost-share



Summer 2022 Business Applications
NOW BEING ACCEPTED

For more information visit:
www.ndepscor.ndus.edu/programs/sttar/

STTAR BENEFITS

ND COMPANIES

- Student salary cost-share
- Gain from students' cutting-edge skills and innovative knowledge
- Increase a company's competitive edge
- Use STTAR as a hiring tool for future employees

UPPER DIVISION STUDENTS

(i.e., junior, senior, and graduate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)

- Use their academic training and skills to address challenging science and technology-based projects
- Gain hands-on experience
- Earn higher salaries working in their field
- Acquire skills to enhance their resumes

SALARY COST-SHARE

STTAR cost-share is \$7.50/hour. Companies must provide a minimum 1:1 match. In the past, cost-share by ND companies has been over 1:1. Salary for the student in the summer must be a minimum of \$600 per week (\$15/hour; minimum of 8 weeks; maximum of 12 weeks, based on 40 hrs/week).

Maximum summer program award from ND EPSCoR: \$3,600 (480 hrs x \$7.50) based on a billable 40 hrs/week.



BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY

The ND 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 science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics. 2021 priority will go to companies in the biosciences arena, with an emphasis on 1) materials design at biointerfaces, 2) cellular systems at materials interface, and 3) computation, machine learning, and predictive modeling.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

North Dakota University System students, ND residents enrolled at ND-based colleges and universities, and students enrolled at tribal colleges in ND are eligible to work with North Dakota companies for a minimum of eight (8) weeks during summer months; must be U.S. citizens or possess an immigration (i.e., INS) work permit. ***They must also have completed their sophomore year in college (determined by credits completed).***

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Company submits application to STTAR program; in some cases, a student is already identified
- STTAR program notifies the company of application award status
- If awarded, and the company has not already identified a student, the company forwards job openings to campus career offices to post, or you can use your own screening process
- Company screens applications, sets up and completes interviews, and hires
- Company signs and returns completed contract(s) to the STTAR program
- Companies invoice the STTAR program for salary cost-share



TIMELINE: SUMMER 2022

- **February 25, 2022:** Last day to submit a Business Application. Companies are encouraged to apply early.
- **April 15, 2022:** Last day student applications are sent to businesses from Career Center offices.
- **May 3, 2022, 5:00 pm:** Last day for Companies to hire and to notify ND EPSCoR and Career Centers of student hired.
- **May 6, 2022:** Company signed contracts DUE to ND EPSCoR.
- **May 16, 2022:** STTAR contract award period begins.

Allocation of awards are based on availability of funds.

Early application is encouraged.

HOW TO APPLY

Download Business Application at:

www.ndepscor.ndus.edu/programs/sttar/

Send your completed application as an email attachment to ndepscor@ndus.edu with the subject line: 2022 STTAR Application.