# INTERNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS: APPLIED LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS

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### **Our Core Mission**

Indiana INTERNnet is the catalyst for expanding the creation and use of experiential learning opportunities as a key strategy in retaining Indiana's top talent.



### The Facts

#### **Fact**

Jobs are the #1 reason people stay in or leave a community

#### **Fact**

56.5% of students with internships received job offer compared to 36.5% with no internship (NACE, 2015)

#### **Fact**

Indiana students are more likely to consider staying in Indiana after graduation when they intern locally (Techpoint/NEIRP)



## The Changing Face of Interns

- Traditionally: college students aged 18-22
- Today, internships include:
  - High school students
  - Post-degree students
  - Non-degree students
  - Career-changers
  - Returnships
  - Graduate students



## The Traditional Internship

- 12 to 16 weeks in length
- 15-30 hours per week
- In line with academic semesters (spring, summer, fall, winter)
- Primarily talent pool of college students
- Typically college juniors and seniors
- Typically paid (\$12 statewide average)



## Other Types of Internships

- Short term (micro-internships)
  - Up to full-time working/learning opportunities for shorter periods of time
  - Often event-driven
- Project based
  - Not set on length by hours
- Virtual
  - Beneficial to individuals living in rural areas
  - Non-traditional students
  - Small business owners who may not have space or time to dedicate to a full-time intern

## Skills, Not Experiences

This means it important to focus on the skills you need in an intern, not solely the amount of education. Doing so may limit your talent pool:

- Listing class status (junior, senior, etc.)
- Choosing particular majors
- Seeking minimum GPA
- Selecting only college students
- Seeking only bachelor's degree seeking students

## **Internship Structures**

- Additional capacity for mission-critical projects
- Leadership opportunities for secondary projects
- Solo work on backburner projects



## Additional Intern Engagement Opportunities

- Attending unrelated project meetings
- Job shadowing multiple facets of an organization
- Networking with interns from nearby organizations



## Supporting Interns, Developing Staff

- Internship supervisor
  - Developing and maintaining work plan
  - Day-to-day resource
  - Provides ongoing feedback and accountability
  - Completes formal evaluations
- Internship mentor
  - Coaching and professional development
  - Emphasizes soft skills development

Who on your team would benefit from supervising and/or mentoring interns?

## **Accomplishing Our Mission**

Indiana INTERNnet is a free internship-matching program linking

- Individuals seeking internships
- Indiana employers
- Indiana high schools, colleges & universities.

We provide high-touch & high-tech services to anyone seeking or promoting an internship.



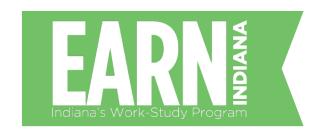
### **EARN Indiana**

**Indiana Commission for Higher Education** 

Employment Aid Readiness Network

- Gives students with financial need access to résumé-building, experiential, paid positions
- Provides employers up to 50% wage match for hiring EARN students
- Enhances student-employer matching through partnership with Indiana INTERNnet





## **EARN Eligibility**

- Employer eligibility based on internship offered
   is it experiential?
- Student eligibility remains need-based
- Internship and intern eligibility approved through Indiana INTERNnet website





## **Internship Criteria**

Internship must provide experiential learning, plus:

- Be paid
- Last at least 8 weeks: 12-20 hours/week (12-40 during summer)
- Not be political
- Be less than 25% administrative in nature
- Not already be designated as Federal Work Study





### **Student Criteria**

To be eligible for an EARN internship, a student must:

- Be an Indiana resident
- Not have a bachelor's degree prior to the term the student plans to work

#### A student must also:

 Be enrolled full-time at an eligible Indiana college or university and have an Expected Family Contribution (as determined by the 2018 – 19 FAFSA) less than or equal to \$24,570

#### OR

 Be enrolled part-time at an eligible Indiana college or university and be an independent student with an Expected Family Contribution (as determined by the 2018 – 19 FAFSA) less than or equal to \$2,000





## **Applying & Other Logistics**

- Students & employers apply to participate via Indiana INTERNnet
- EARN-eligible students & positions marked with logo
- Sophisticated search technology helps recruitment & placement
- Employers claim reimbursement directly from state





### **Questions, Comments**

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### Indiana Leads the Nation in Industry Strength











- First in the nation in manufacturing intensity
- 1st in pass-through highways
- Manufacturing is 33 percent of Indiana's GDP
- Manufacturing average salary = \$77, 573
- Logistics average salary = \$65,950
- Indiana's auto industry employs 100,000+
  Hoosiers

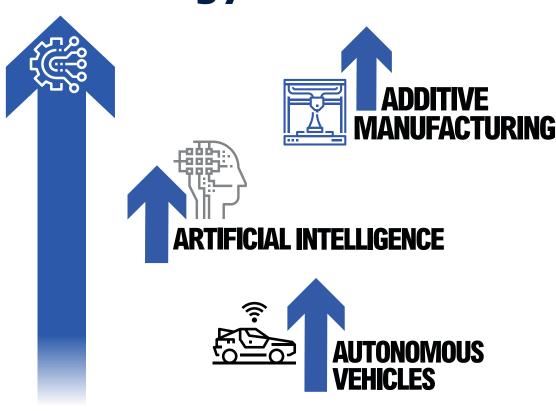
## Challenges and Opportunities as Industry Evolves



#### **Skills Gap**

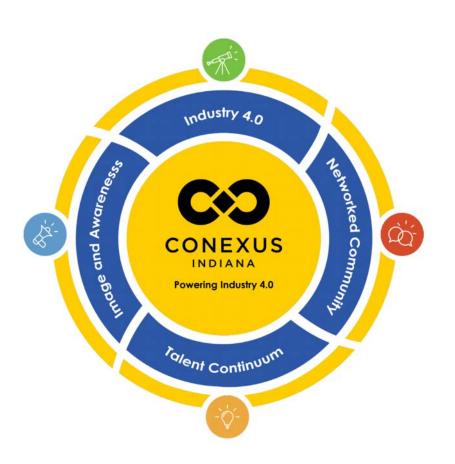


#### **Technology Growth**



## Conexus Indiana's Structure





Mission: Accelerate, promote and grow Indiana's advanced manufacturing and logistics economy by leading innovative collaborations among industry, academic and public sector partners.

**Vision:** Indiana's advanced manufacturing and logistics leadership is sustained for the next generations.

#### **Focus Areas:**



Anticipate industry needs and catalyze the advanced manufacturing and logistics industries to be global leaders in digital transformation and **Industry 4.0** adoption



Forge industry-led collaborations and build engagement platforms to optimize advanced manufacturing and logistics competitiveness through a **networked community** 



Inspire the advanced manufacturing and logistics workforce of today and tomorrow by furthering a robust **talent continuum** 



Amplify success stories of its impact and importance to elevate the **image** and understanding of advanced manufacturing and logistics

## Conexus Indiana Impact in Indiana





- Large annual events spotlighting industry trends and thought leadership from Indiana
- Industry reports and strategic plans for advanced manufacturing, logistics and its subsectors
- 2 Statewide industry councils that serve as a community of thought leaders and influencers promoting growth

**Goal:** Launch a game-changing Industry 4.0 Institute, which accelerates technology adoption and builds an entrepreneurial ecosystem



- High school students have participated in the Hire Tech curriculum
- Dual Credits earned by high school students through the Hire Tech curriculum
- 1K+ High school interns from the Conexus Interns program

**Goal:** Drive more people into advanced manufacturing and logistics career pathways in Indiana and equip them for long-term success



- 150+ Company hosts of the Conexus Interns program
- 70 Industry members of the Conexus Indiana Logistics Council
- Industry members of the Conexus Indiana Advanced Manufacturing Council

**Goal:** Engage, on a statewide multi-sector basis, advanced manufacturing and logistics firms in a network that drives innovation and collective action with a true sense of identity and community



- 2K+ Statewide newsletter recipients
- 4.5K+ Monthly unique website visitors
- Social media followers on Twitter and LinkedIn

**Goal:** Increase, measurably, a greater understanding of the advanced manufacturing and logistics industries' impact and opportunities amongst key constituencies







**Advanced** 

## Catapult Indiana





*Industry-built* 

Industry-driven Industry-proven

Hoosier Edge!

## The Conexus Interns Program

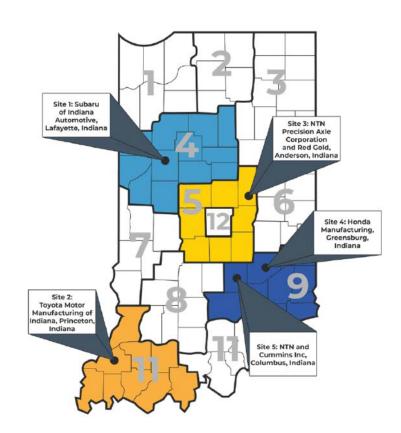




- Training focused on developing unskilled workers into high-quality talent for production roles to close the skills gap facing manufacturing employers across Indiana
  - Industry built, industry driven, industry proven
  - Benefits
    - Employers- reduces attrition, lowers hiring costs, engages employees
    - State of Indiana improves workforce, grows tax revenue, reduces need for public assistance
    - Employees enhanced career path, higher wage potential, upward social mobility
  - Internship opportunities, priority interviews from partner companies
  - Goal 2500 graduates across five lead sites

#### Status

- Feasibility study complete
- Curriculum Advisory Board 9 core competencies
  - Purdue Polytechnic Standardized Work Certificate of Completion
- Lafayette and Princeton launched Jan 2019
- Anderson, Greensburg, Columbus To be launched Apr-Sept 2019
- 2020 High schools and Military connection



## Conexus Interns Program Overview



Six week summer high school internship program.

Anticipates 400 interns statewide in 2019.

Industry is driver of program framework.

Funding for 100% of intern compensation in first year, 50% second year; employer paid thereafter. Interns paid \$9/hour.

Program includes Conexus Interns Summit.

Focus on converting students to employees or post-secondary students in AML programs.

## Industry Led Program Development



Benchmarked best practices from prior intern hosts Convened Industry Documented industry and legal requirements; dispelled myths Created the "Conexus Interns Framework"

#### **Framework Developers**

- Allison Transmission
- BAE Systems
- Caterpillar
- Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc.
- Emerson Power Transmission
- Fastenal
- Fiat Chrysler Automobiles
- Garrity Tool Company
- Heartland Machine and Engineering
- Hurco
- Jasper Engine

- Kirby Risk
- Langham Logistics
- MD Logistics
- MSP Aviation
- NTN Driveshaft
- Praxair Surface Technologies
- Remy
- Rolls-Royce
- Shelton Machinery
- SMC
- Stark Industries
- Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc.
- Wabash National

## Student Qualifications



Qualified interns will participate in regional interview days with host companies. Students will be selected and hired by host companies for their internship experience.

- To qualify, interns must:
  - Be at least 16 years old
  - Be a current Sophomore, Junior or Senior in high school
  - Have an attendance rate of 95% or better during the fall semester
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, 3.0 in relevant coursework
  - Be enrolled in or have completed relevant coursework (including Hire Tech and PLTW pre-engineering)
  - Be referred by school personnel (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc.)
  - Provide own transportation to and from internship site
  - Be drug free

Text INTERN to 40458 to learn more

## Impact and Value



#### **Student Outcomes**

Over 870 students have completed summer internships

Over 80% of Conexus Interns reported they were more likely to pursue a career in AML after their experience

Over **50%** of Conexus Interns state that their internship experience changed their plans after high school

Over 90% of Conexus Interns found the program valuable

#### **Company Outcomes**

Over 150 companies have hosted Conexus Interns

Over **90%** of intern host companies see internships as a valid way to support their workforce needs

Over **90%** of Conexus Interns host companies were likely to return

**80%** of host companies found candidates to be high quality during the selection process

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