

Every summer, the STEM Action Center, in partnership with the Idaho Workforce Development Council, provides K-12 classroom teachers and college and career advisors the opportunity to work at an Idaho employer where they gain valuable industry experience and knowledge, helping them better prepare students for the world of work.



The program places externs with employers, leveraging their area of certification, and requires them to complete 200 hours of on-site, experiential learning. Participants earn \$5,000 and professional development credit.

Seeking employers and educators for next summer.

Employers

- Provide a challenging work opportunity that contributes to company operations while providing authentic workplace experiences
- Ensure educator sees broader career opportunities within the organization/industry and understands challenges of hiring and retaining employees
- Provide the necessary training and ongoing mentoring needed for the extern to be successful
- If possible, contribute to the stipend that will be paid to the extern

Educators

- Be a certified Idaho K-12 public school teacher or a college and career advisor working in an Idaho public school and planning to return following summer break
- Submit an application through the STEM AC and meet prospective employer(s) for interviews
- Be able to work 200 hours over the summer and meet performance expectations
- Share experiences with students, other educators and college and career advisors regionally

The Educator Externship Program is funded by investments from Idaho employers, the Idaho STEM Action Center, and the Idaho Workforce Development Council.

Employer and educator applications are open from January to mid-February each year.

Externs can work the 200 hours between June and August.

Learn more or apply by visiting <https://stem.idaho.gov/apply/stem-externships/>





Through its committees, programs, and collaborations, like the **Idaho Teacher Externship Program**, the Idaho Workforce Development Council helps connect Idahoans to career opportunities, and Idaho's employers to a qualified workforce.

Who We Are

Established in 2017, the Council is made up of 37 Governor appointed members from throughout the state, including 17 Idaho employers, 10 state government representatives, 7 workforce representatives, a member from each chamber of the legislature, and a representative of the Governor.

Represented industry sectors include Healthcare, Construction, Technology, Aerospace, Energy, Finance, Professional Services, and Advanced Manufacturing. The Council also serves as the State Workforce Development Board.

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Vision

We envision a future where Idaho's diverse and prepared workforce meets the needs of our unique communities and employers.

Mission

We champion strategies that prepare Idahoans for careers that meet employers' needs.

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What We Do

The Council's work is focused on three strategic goals:

- Increasing the public awareness of and access to career education and training opportunities.
- Improving the effectiveness, quality, and coordination of programs and services designed to maintain a highly skilled workforce.
- Providing for the most efficient use of federal, state, and local workforce development resources.