

**Subject** SciTechsperience Appropriation

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## Overview

This bill appropriates \$1,730,000 in fiscal year 2020 and the same amount in fiscal year 2021 from the workforce development fund for a grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association. This money would fund SciTechsperience, a STEM internship program for college and graduate students. This program matches students with small Minnesota companies and subsidizes half of the student's wages, up to \$3,000 per student. This bill requires the program to work on increasing participation from women and other underserved populations and specifies that at least 400 students must be matched with internships in the first year, 425 in the second.

The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law appropriated \$1,350,000 each year to this program, for matching at least 300 students to internships in the first year and 350 in the second. The wage match was also capped at \$2,500 per student.