

Subject Science and technology internship appropriations

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Overview

This bill appropriates funding to two programs that match college and graduate students with paid internships in science and technology at small companies, one program run by the Minnesota Technology Association and the other run by the Minnesota High Tech Association.

Summary

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1	Appropriation; SciTech Internship program.
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	Appropriates \$875,000 in fiscal year 2022 and the same amount in fiscal year 2023 from the workforce development fund for a grant to the Minnesota Technology Association for the SciTech Internship program, which matches college and graduate students in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields with paid internships at for-profit companies located in Minnesota and with less than 250 employees worldwide. Requires at least 200 students be placed each year of the appropriation, with no more than 15 percent in either year being graduate students. Funds grants to the hiring companies for 50 percent of the wages paid to these interns, for a maximum of \$2,500 per intern. Requires work towards increasing participation among women and underserved populations. This is a onetime appropriation.
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2	Appropriation; employment and training programs.
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	Appropriates \$875,000 in fiscal year 2022 and the same amount in fiscal year 2023 from the workforce development fund for a grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association for the SciTechsperience program, which matches college and graduate students in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields with paid internships at for-profit companies located in Minnesota and with less than 250 employees worldwide. Requires at least 200 students be placed each year of the appropriation, with no more than 15 percent in either year being graduate students. Funds grants to the hiring companies for 50 percent of the wages paid to these interns, for a maximum of \$2,500 per intern. Requires work towards increasing
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Prior omnibus laws appropriated \$1,350,000 each year in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and \$875,000 each year in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for the SciTechsperience program.



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