

## INTERN PARTNERSHIPS

### What is Intern?

The Intern Partnerships (Intern) program helps retain Oklahoma's best and brightest students by matching undergraduate students with an Oklahoma company to complete an innovative project together which benefits the student and company. To foster a successful project outcome, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) provides matching funding for a skilled student to support the pursuit of high tech research.



- Businesses gain access to funding for a skilled intern to help accomplish R&D
- Provides students with hands-on experience, outside of the classroom
- Develops Oklahoma's next generation of scientists and engineers
- Encourages industry-university collaboration
- Encourages students to prepare for STEM careers in Oklahoma

*"It's given people a chance to see my value to a company, or to a graduate program, outside of my GPA."*  
**Adam Polcha** - Intern, MIRATECH

### Why Intern?

The Intern program provides up to \$30,000 a year to Oklahoma businesses interested in pursuing innovative R&D projects and teaming with an undergraduate student who helps accomplish project goals. The program grants students hands-on experience with R&D in a business environment while increasing collaboration between industry and academia to achieve mutually beneficial research goals.

### Funding Opportunity

\$10,000 minimum per year  
\$30,000 maximum per year  
1-2 years of funding  
(Requires a one-to-one match)

*"The OCAST Intern program gives us an opportunity basically for an extended job interview."*  
**Sean Bauman** - CEO, IMMY

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