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SciTech Overview and Request

SciTech connects college students pursuing STEM degrees with valuable hands-on learning opportunities in small Minnesota companies. Funding provided by the legislature supplies a 50% wage match, up to \$3,000 per internship, that helps companies boost their productivity and develop their tech talent pipeline.

Since the program's launch in 2012, **3,293 interns have been placed in 672 small companies across Minnesota**. In 2024, **one third of interns hired were BIPOC**, and **25% of internships took place in Greater Minnesota**. The state funding has already demonstrated a strong return on investment, as every dollar the state provides in wage reimbursements, private companies contribute \$3.22 in wages paid.

Given the ongoing success of the SciTech program and the vast need to increase the STEM workforce in Minnesota, continued support for SciTech is needed. **This is why MnTech is again requesting \$1 million per year for SciTech for the 2026-2027 biennium to build Minnesota's STEM workforce, placing 250 college STEM students in internships annually.**

Program Impact

2024 Placement Highlights

- **255** interns placed
- **123** hiring companies in **58** MN cities
- Average company size is **43** employees
- **1,518** students applied for internships
- **64%** of interns hired were women or BIPOC
- **96%** of students completed their internship
- **\$20.93** average hourly intern wage
- **33** interns hired part/full-time

Impact Since Inception (2012)

- **3,293** interns placed
- **672** employers in **150** MN cities
- **85%** of interns stayed in STEM careers after two years after college
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- For every **\$1** state provides in wage reimbursements, private employers contribute **\$3.22** in wages paid to interns



**College
STEM Majors**



**Meaningful
Internships**



**Small MN
Companies**

SciTech is a bridge between talent and opportunity