

## Nebraska Engineering, Science, and Technology Internship Program (NESTIP) Opportunities

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### What is NESTIP?

The **Nebraska Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)**, together with the National Science Foundation, sponsors the Nebraska Engineering, Science, and Technology Internship Program (NESTIP). NESTIP supports placement of student interns in businesses. This cost-share program is intended to facilitate technology transfer between Nebraska higher education and businesses and to encourage applied research that benefits state industries.

### Who is Eligible?

**Business Eligibility:** Any Nebraska business enterprise is eligible to participate in NESTIP. The program subsidizes only one student per business enterprise at any given time.

**Student Eligibility:** Any engineering, science, or technology undergraduate student enrolled in a degree program in one of Nebraska's accredited four-year colleges or universities, who has completed at least 65 credit hours of college courses, is eligible.

Any engineering, science, or technology *graduate* student enrolled in a graduate degree program at one of Nebraska's accredited universities is eligible, with the approval of the student's academic advisor and the willingness of a graduate faculty to mentor the student during the internship. The student's academic advisor may act as the student's mentor.

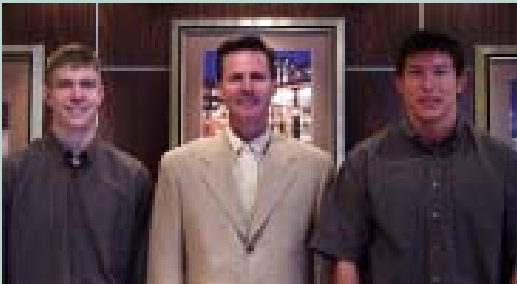
### How Does NESTIP Work?

**Cost Sharing:** NESTIP cost-share may not exceed one half of the student's salary and related taxes. The business must provide at least one half of the student's salary and related taxes. The student's salary is determined by the business, but the total NESTIP subsidy may not exceed \$5,000 per student per six-month funding period. A student's salary may be funded for only two consecutive funding periods (totaling twelve months) with the same business. NESTIP cost-share may only be used for student salary and related taxes.

**Funding Procedure:** Initiation of a request for funding consists of providing the following to the Nebraska EPSCoR Office at W192 Nebraska Hall, P.O. Box 880557, Lincoln, NE 68588-0557: Form A, a completed student application form; Form B, a completed company commitment form and; for a graduate student, Form C, a mentor commitment form. These forms are available on the Nebraska EPSCoR web site at <http://epscor.unl.edu/forms>. Funding requests are evaluated by Nebraska EPSCoR based on the merit of the proposed project. Funding is based also on availability of funds and is a competitive procedure. A student is paid directly by the business for work the student has performed. Copies of the signed time cards are required for reimbursement. Nebraska EPSCoR will not reimburse any company for any overtime paid to any student. Notification of funding is usually made within approximately two weeks of EPSCoR's receipt of completed application materials.

## How Valuable is an Internship Experience?

A recent survey of employers by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that employers offered jobs to 58% of the students who had interned with them ([www.naceweb.org](http://www.naceweb.org)). Following are some of the comments made to Nebraska EPSCoR by NESTIP employers.



Former NESTIP intern Nathan Sheets stands with Morrissey Engineering president, George Morrissey, and current NESTIP intern Michael Muller. Since his internship, Nathan has become a permanent Morrissey employee.

*As a not-for-profit entity, charged with assisting Nebraska's manufacturers in getting products to market (nationally and internationally), we got additional research staff to track down and develop appropriate programs assisting manufacturers. The process was painless, with no difficulties at all—excellent program.*

—Steve Cass, General Manager, Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics

*The program has worked very well for us and will definitely continue in the future if there is an opportunity. Craig has been an excellent addition to our team. We gained tremendously, and I think he gained valuable experience as well. Everything went very smoothly.*

—Kent Cooper, Operations Manager, Natura Manufacturing, Inc.

*This cost-share process is very easy to follow. The applications were processed in a timely manner, and the staff is very helpful. We are a small business. Support from NESTIP helped us give an opportunity to a young scientist. This is a good program.*

—Dr. Nisha Padhye, Megabase Research Products

*NESTIP has a very good process, and our employee worked out really well. Application and reimbursement were very straightforward. This program makes it cost-effective to hire college students and gave us a young, talented employee with a desire to learn. Janice is very talented with technology, for example, in understanding how to use the internet and spreadsheets. Thanks!*

—John A. Krajewski, P.E., Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool

*Brett was a very good employee, and his contributions to our business were appreciated. He was able to provide CAD services that we needed.*

—Rebecca Hittner, Controller, Industrial Products Division, Valmont Industries, Inc.

## More Information

More information about Nebraska EPSCoR is available at our web site: <http://epscor.unl.edu>. For more information about NESTIP, click on Programs within our website. If you wish to contact our office about NESTIP, you may do so by e-mail at [epscor@unl.edu](mailto:epscor@unl.edu); by mail at W192 Nebraska Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, P.O. Box 880557, Lincoln, NE 68588-0557; or by phone at (402) 472-8946. The office fax number is (402) 472-8948.