



Career Innovation Grants

Grants of **less than \$10,000** provide opportunities for businesses and schools to partner for hands-on career exposure and experiences for students in grades 7 through 12. Applications are due by 6/30/2020.

Projects must: 1) include a partnership of at least two school districts and one or more businesses, 2) help students gain greater exposure to careers and/or build work skills through hands-on learning, and 3) relate to local/regional career opportunities.

Who can apply? Businesses, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Authorities, Nonprofit Organizations, School Districts, Post-Secondary Institutions, Service Agencies

Career exploration and project-based learning innovation examples:

- Student-led projects to tackle real-world problems. Think urban planning, energy efficiency, clean water, waste & more!
- Trades Days: Visit a local business and dabble in “real” work. Think laying brick, framing a wall, stripping wire, changing a tire, etc.
- Product demos for trades careers: 3D printers, drones, robots, coding, programming, and more
- Simulations: Mechanical, electrical, or electronic device simulations that present test conditions that closely resemble actual field conditions
- Work with industry to host a mobile fabrication/materials lab or equipment simulator
- Industry site visits to expose students to local businesses and available careers
- Job shadowing that helps students envision careers and experience various work atmospheres
- Summer career camps
- Weekend or after school career experiences
- Student internships for expanded on-the-job training
- Apprenticeships for high school students

What innovative idea can your business/education partnership come up with?

Contact a representative to explore your innovative opportunities:

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