



Industry to Educator Externships

What is the Externship?

The Industry to Educator Externship is a week-long exploration of Northeast Indiana STEM-related industries for high school and middle school educators. The Externship is made possible every summer due to a collaboration between The Graduate Retention Program of the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Indiana Defense Industry Association, and the Talent Initiative.

Why should I attend?

By participating in the Industry to Educator Externship, you'll be able to provide your students with a more solid education in science, technology, engineering, and math-- and you might finally be able to answer the age-old question, "When will I ever use this?" The Externship facilitates shared experiences between local educators, provides teachers with valuable industry connections for classroom speaking and career advising, and encourages collaboration between school administrators and local leadership.

When and where is the Externship?

The Industry to Educator Externship takes place every summer (usually during the last week in July) at varying area businesses. In the past, participants have explored the world of Raytheon, BAE, Northrop Grumman, ITT Exelis, and USSi.

How do I sign up?

The application for the Industry to Educator Externship opens in the spring. Visit www.fwchamber.org/grad to learn more about the Externship, or contact The Graduate Retention Program (splew@fwchamber.org) to request an application.

Are there other ways I can get involved?

The Graduate Retention Program provides many opportunities for collaboration between education and industry. During the school year, shorter Externships called "Consortiumns" are available every month, TechFest video game tournaments for high school students occur each March, and high school internship opportunities are regularly posted on our website, IndianaINTERN.net. Contact The Graduate Retention Program for more information.