



# Ohio Manufacturing Workforce Opportunities

Internships, Credentials & Workforce Development

## Individual Microcredential Assistance Program (IMAP)

These dollars are directed towards individuals who are low income, partially unemployed, or totally unemployed.

- 71 short-term, industry-recognized, and technology-focused credentials to help upskill Ohioans for the increasingly tech-infused economy.
- IMAP training providers offer both online and in-person programs.
- More information can be found at: [https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs\\_imap.htm](https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_imap.htm)

## Ohio Manufacturing Internship Reimbursement

The Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), under the Ohio Development Services Agency, partners with area high schools and career/technical schools to identify students with an interest in manufacturing, as well as a desire to gain real-world manufacturing experience.

- CIFT periodically has limited dollars available for manufacturers in our northwest Ohio region
- If a client manufacturer has an intern program, funds were available for reimbursement up to \$1500.
- The application period for this funding cycle concluded at the end of August; but when more is available CIFT team can inform our members quickly to have them apply.
- Easy to manage – intern logs hours, that is submitted to CIFT as an invoice.
- [https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs\\_mepi.htm](https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_mepi.htm)

## The Ohio Third Frontier Diversity & Inclusion Technology Internship Program

- Key Dates, occurs in the fall (august time)
  - o Application Period for **Companies** and students differ
- The company is eligible for reimbursement of two-thirds of the intern's wages up to \$10,000
- This is intended for a technology company or simply a company with a technological need.
- More information can be found at: [https://development.ohio.gov/bs\\_thirdfrontier/diip.htm](https://development.ohio.gov/bs_thirdfrontier/diip.htm).

## TechCred

The current application period is closed; there will probably be a 6<sup>th</sup> round – beginning December.

- Key points:
  - o TechCred is for any company to pay and be reimbursed for upskilling employees
  - o The technology-focused credentials take a year or less to complete
  - o The goal is to prepare current and future employees for the technology jobs Ohio employers need.
  - o If a credential an employer needs is NOT listed – they should STILL submit an application, which will be reviewed by a panel of experts
- Our clients and manufacturers can help their staff learn new skills and build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy
  - o Technology credentials rely on science, technology, engineering and/or math related education, as well as technical skills,
  - o These benefit an employer dependent on the development, deployment and investment in new and emerging technology,
- Examples of technology credentials are: software development, advanced manufacturing, data analytics, cybersecurity, computer hardware and design, military applications and other emerging fields.
- The List of Certifications and Credentials can be found at <https://techcred.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/techcred/about/credential-list/>

