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## **STEM Internship Program Launches to Support Local Employers**

*Discover Frederick STEM Develops Workforce While Showcasing County*

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater today announced the launch of a program to showcase Frederick County’s growing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics industry and help STEM businesses attract talented employees. The Discover Frederick STEM Internship Program is a 10-week program designed to broaden the pool of candidates, while exposing interns to experiences unique to Frederick County. The program is a collaboration between the Frederick County Office of Economic Development and Frederick County Workforce Services, in partnership with Visit Frederick, and Hood College.



“We know that employers are in need of talent,” Executive Fitzwater said. “This creative and innovative solution will develop interns’ professional skills and showcase all the reasons Frederick County is a great place to live, work and thrive.”

The Discover Frederick STEM Internship Program will recruit up to 30 students from targeted colleges and universities across Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For \$400 per student, participating businesses can enroll their intern in a special program that includes professional development workshops and exploration events around Frederick County, such as tours, hikes, and networking opportunities. An expanded program offers workshops, events, as well as housing and meals on the campus of Hood College for up to 15 students, at a cost to businesses of \$3,300 per intern.

The 10-week program runs from June 3, to August 12, 2023. The deadline for businesses to apply is April 28. Businesses interested in the housing program should apply by March 31. For more information, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/STEMinterns](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/STEMinterns), or call Workforce Development Strategist Mariel Fedde at 301-600-2754 or [MFedde@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:MFedde@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

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