

# ROCK EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM



## PAID EXTERNSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

The 2026 Rock Externship Program offers Rock County high school staff hands-on industry experience through a one-week summer immersion in local businesses. Targeted at CTE, STEM, and counseling staff, it helps integrate real-world insights into lesson plans. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend upon completing requirements, including onboarding, daily journaling, and a post-program development session. Applications are due April 30, 2026, with priority for first-time participants. Repeat applicants may be accepted if space allows. Those leaving Rock County's education network post-program must repay the stipend. This initiative is supported by local employers, Blackhawk Tech, and Rock County partners.

April 30	Application Due Date
May 1-15	Extern Selection and Confirmation of Worksite Placements
June 12	Extern Zoom Onboarding Session
June 15-18 or 22-25	Externs Report to Worksites
June 19 or 26	Workshop at Blackhawk Technical College

## EXTERN INSIGHT

100% of externs would encourage a colleague to participate in the program.



"This gave me a firsthand look at the skills and careers shaping our local industries. I gained valuable insights that I've brought back to my students, helping them connect what they're learning in the classroom to real-world opportunities. It's been a game-changer for how I approach career readiness."

## PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an employee in good standing of any public or private school high school in Rock County, WI
- Participants must commit to attend all program related activities to be eligible for the full amount of the program's stipend.
- Participants must commit to remain gainfully employed with their school district or within Rock County's K-16 workforce
- Commit to incorporate and document insights and experiences gleaned during the program
- Agree to collaborate, engage and share information with their host worksite and the Externship Coordinator - during and after the completion of their externship week.

Participation and application information at: [www.YourRockExternship.com](http://www.YourRockExternship.com)

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