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**TRENTON** – In recognition of National STEM Day on Friday, Nov. 8, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) is announcing the expansion of its Career Accelerator Internship Program.

This streamlined program offers financial assistance in STEM occupations – and opens doors to careers in many of the Garden State’s key industry sectors by increasing funding incentives to businesses.

To reignite the promise of New Jersey’s innovation economy, Gov. Phil Murphy announced the creation of the NJ Career Accelerator Internship Program in May 2018, to encourage New Jersey students to enroll in STEM fields, and for those students who are enrolled in STEM fields to make a long-term commitment to building and maintaining a career in New Jersey.

“In order to reclaim New Jersey’s place as the state of innovation, we must build and retain a workforce that will help New Jersey businesses succeed in a 21st century economy,” said Governor Murphy. “By expanding this program, we will provide our residents with the resources and support they need to thrive in STEM careers, and we will strengthen the business ecosystem of the Garden State.”

“The STEM fields are already a vital part of New Jersey’s innovation economy,” said Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo. “Through the Career Accelerator program, we continue to encourage the next generation of scientists, engineers, and IT professionals who will make up our future workforce.”

The program focuses on first-time interns enrolled in high schools, colleges, and universities with placement offers in STEM fields such as IT/Software, Life Sciences and Health Care, and Energy. Participating employers will be reimbursed up to 50 percent of wages paid to new interns, up to \$3,000 per student.

Nov. 8 is National STEM Day – recognizing the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math in middle and high schools, and to motivate those interested in careers in these fields.

For more information, visit <https://nj.gov/labor/employer-services/internship-opportunities/>.

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