



OVERVIEW: As Central Florida diversifies its industries through sectors such as digital media (gaming/modeling), photonics, simulation and renewable and sustainable energy, technology companies are anticipated to grow through entrepreneurship, relocation and expansion. With this projected increase, the region must be prepared to provide the science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), as well as new and emerging industries needed to staff these companies. Workforce Central Florida, the University of Central Florida and the greater Orlando business community are partnering to address these workforce projections.

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA will provide funding for talented students to gain real world experience in these four targeted industries: **Digital Media and Games, Homeland Security, Simulation and Cyber Security, Renewable and Sustainable Energy and Biotechnology**. Industry partners will be recruited to host student interns and will serve as a worksite for undergraduate students to gain STEM-related work experience.

UCF's **OFFICE OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** is charged with identifying and recruiting qualified employers to host the students in their workplace by offering a structured, focused, meaningful experience in their major under the supervision of a senior technical staff member. The employers receive support on projects completed by students while getting exposure to qualified experienced professionals.

Experiential Learning will also identify and recruit qualified students to fill the positions. WCF will pay each student a stipend for a 14-16 week long internship while the student simultaneously attends classes. Our targeted start date is the week after Labor Day weekend with a projected end date by the year end winter holidays.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE? Interested employers should contact **Jackie Herold @ 407-823-1005** for questions or more information. A UCF representative will be available to present at your company upon request.

Interested qualified employers will be given access to the online application system (only one application per company, not per position) to register. The registration process includes:

1. Submitting a company profile in addition to a job description outlining what the student will learn, what types of projects they will work on and specific basic skill sets the successful student candidate should possess. Employers may request as many students as they have the capability of hosting.
2. Review and sign the employer agreement stating you agree to evaluate the student at the end of the internship.