



NDSU Student Opportunities

In addition to the scholarship, students receive numerous benefits including introduction to entrepreneurs, real world experience working for a start-up company, access to programs and services provided by the Technology Incubator and potential long-term employment opportunities with client companies.

Students can also work directly for the NDSU Research & Technology Park where they work on projects that assist with advancing the overall mission of the park and incubator and directly benefit its clients. Students work with the Fargo Moorhead Angel Investment Fund, InnovateND, Youth Entrepreneurship Academy, clients, and many more programs and services.

The overall goal of both programs is to provide students with real world experience and educate them on the opportunities that exist during and after college.

A perfect example of these types of programs being effective is James Dravitz, a NDSU graduate with an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering and Masters Degree in Business Administration, who worked for the park while attending NDSU and then accepted a full-time position with Ergologistics, a client in the Technology Incubator.

Ten years ago, there were test plots where the park is and today nearly 900 employees, many of which are NDSU students and graduates, come to work. As we continue to grow and expand at the park, so do opportunities for students while in school and after they graduate.



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NDSU graduate and undergraduate students work on cutting edge research, develop algorithms for new software technologies and discover market opportunities in foreign countries while working for companies in the NDSU Research & Technology Park. These are just a few examples of the types of hands-on learning they receive by being engaged with the private sector.

Several opportunities exist for students to get involved with start-up companies in industries such as Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, Life Sciences and Biosciences.

One opportunity is through the Student Employee Program whereby scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 are awarded up to five students per academic year. This program was developed to encourage and support NDSU students who are interested in entrepreneurship.

Recipients need a high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher and an ACT score of at least 23. They are also required to submit an essay explaining why they are interested in entrepreneurship and how this experience will position them to conduct their own entrepreneurial venture in the future.

This year, over 700 students applied for five scholarships. There are currently sixteen (16) students in the program.

This program is also funded in part by EPSCoR.

North Dakota Bio-Breakfast

On September 19, 2011, the Bio Association of North Dakota held its first Bio-Breakfast where business and community leaders and legislators learned about biotechnology efforts taking place in North Dakota.

Dr. Satish Chandran, Director of the NDSU Center for Biopharmaceutical Research Program, shared his insights into developing vaccines for the third world. Following his address, Dr. David Pearce, Vice President of Research, Sanford Health; Director, Sanford Children's Health Research Center, Sanford Research USD; and Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota, provided a presentation on Developing Biomedical Research in a Northern Plains: A Collaborative Enterprise.

The Bio Association of North Dakota is currently seeking new members to join these efforts. To learn more about the association or to apply for membership, [click here](#).



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The Edge

On Saturday, October 1, 2011, the NDSU Research & Technology Park released its 4th edition of "[The Edge](#)" as an insert to The Forum.

This year, the publication was a **24-page, full color magazine** that included a message from NDSU President Dean Bresciani and NDSU Research & Technology Park Executive Director Tony Grindberg that set the stage for the publication which featured new technologies licensed from NDSU, research activities taking place at the Park, and clients in the incubator.

The NDSU Research & Technology Park, the Technology Incubator and our tenants and clients are positively impacting economies, creating good jobs and generating revenue for local and state governments. And studies show it's only going to get better. See what we're doing today and what's in store for the future.

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