



AR-NETWORK FACULTY EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Advancing Faculty Expertise. Strengthening Community. Expanding Possibilities.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The AR-NETWORK Faculty Externship Program provides Arkansas Tech University faculty with the opportunity to engage with industry and community partners through short-term, immersive experiences. This program is a core objective of the AR-NETWORK Initiative and is fully funded to strengthen connections between the university and the communities we serve.

WHY THIS MATTERS

AR-NETWORK is focused on strengthening connections across academia, industry, and community to build a more collaborative and innovative Arkansas. Faculty externships create opportunities for shared learning, expand professional networks, and increase the impact of faculty expertise beyond the university.

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in a **4-week externship** during Summer 2026 (Term 1 or Term 2); approx 15 hrs a week
- Engage in a relationship-building, observational experience (not as an employee)
- Learn about the partner's goals, challenges, and needs
- Help shape your externship experience
- Submit a brief report identifying insights and potential collaborations

FACULTY SUPPORT & BENEFITS

- **\$3,000 stipend** upon completion
- Up to **\$600** in travel support
- Assistance with partner matching and coordination
- Opportunities to build meaningful professional connections

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Expand your perspective and enrich your teaching
- Build relationships with community and industry partners
- Create new opportunities for student engagement and applied learning
- Contribute your expertise to strengthening Arkansas communities

NEXT STEPS

Additional details and application information will be shared soon.

Faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

To apply, contact the ATU Center for Community Engagement & Academic Outreach (CCEAO).

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