







LaunchPad

LaunchPad, a program of **UpLink**, connects classrooms to careers by exposing students to math, engineering, technology and science career opportunities during their middle and high school years—critical, formative years when career exploration begins.

LaunchPad connects students to internship and job shadow opportunities in local companies and organizations. By offering job shadow and internship opportunities, employers help strengthen the future workforce by introducing students to real-world application of science, technology, engineering and math in the workplace.




LaunchPad also offers a volunteer speakers bureau, which connects classrooms with volunteer classroom speakers.

Employers directly benefit by:

-  Sharing knowledge to better prepare tomorrow's workforce
-  Providing leadership development opportunities for employees who coordinate job shadow visits and supervise student interns
-  Enhancing diversity, adding new energy and bringing fresh perspectives to the workplace
-  Enhancing the organization's image and visibility in the community

How it works

Through UpLink's online database, participating employers can:

-  Post LaunchPad job shadow and internship opportunities
-  View a list of students seeking internships
-  View a list of students or student groups seeking job shadow experiences

Individual and group job shadows occur during school hours and can be half- or full-day opportunities, depending on employer and student or student group preferences. Internships usually last one week or more, depending on the nature of the assignment and time of year. Internships can be full- or part-time.



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