

Massachusetts Clean Energy Technical Trades Work and Learning Program Session: October 28, 2024 – August 21, 2025

TECHNICAL TRADES WORK AND LEARNING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Funding is allocated on a first-come first-served basis to employers that register, perform eligibility checks, and get all completed materials to MassCEC. Funding will be allocated until it is exhausted, or the submission deadline is met. We are not able to place additional interns once the available funding is fully reserved or past the submission deadline. Be sure to make yourself aware of the important program deadlines, found below. Capitalized terms not defined in this document will have the meanings provided in the Host Employer General Terms and Conditions.

- If a student is in the database, it does not necessarily mean that they are eligible to participate in the Program. Please send all eligibility checks to <u>internships@masscec.com</u> before making any <u>official job offers to candidates</u> and be sure to evaluate the student eligibility criteria.
- 2) All interns must be paid on a W-2 employee status for the Host Employer to be eligible for reimbursement and you must notify MassCEC and submit a new W-9 if your address changes. You must be able to provide proof of wages/taxes paid with your reimbursement package submission in the form of <u>paycheck stubs and/or a payroll summary</u>. All interns must be paid at least \$15/hr., MassCEC will reimburse up to \$18/hr.
- 3) Interns are not allowed to sign non-compete agreements. Non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements are acceptable.
- 4) MassCEC endeavors to make this Program as inclusive and diverse as possible. There are many eligible candidates listed in the student database from a variety of different backgrounds.
- 5) MassCEC has <u>non-internship</u> related resources available at <u>https://www.masscec.com/job-board</u> and <u>www.masscec.com/resume-board</u> to assist clean energy employers in locating high quality talent for full and part-time (non-internship) positions.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

October 28, 2024	Open enrollment and intern selection begins.
October 28, 2024	2024 - 2025 session start date
August 21, 2025	2024 - 2025 session end date
June 30, 2025	Deadline for work completed before June 30, 2025.
September 30, 2025	Deadline for 2024 - 2025 session reimbursement packages. We will not accept any reimbursement packages past this date.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION STEPS

- 1) Register to participate by completing the <u>online employer application</u> Or log in at <u>masscec.com/user</u> if you have an existing account.
 - a. Once you have submitted your application and have been approved, you will receive an email with login instructions for the student database. All approved employers are eligible to participate in the program for a full year from the date of their application.
- Access the student database to review candidates or have external candidates submit their student applications, which can also be found on the <u>masscec.com/interns</u> page. All candidates must be present in the student database.
 - a. Select candidates from the student database using the 'Request Eligibility Check' on their profile for the required eligibility check. Please be aware of the student eligibility criteria before selecting candidates.
 - b. MassCEC will respond to let you know whether or not the student is eligible.
- 3) If the student is confirmed as eligible, have them sign an offer letter for the upcoming session along with their co-op coordinator (Exception: CTI students do not work with a co-op coordinator). The offer letter should at minimum state their name, job title, expected date range to be worked, and wage/hour.
 - a. Once you receive the signed offer letter back from the student you must countersign it and send it to <u>internships@masscec.com</u> before the submission deadline.
 - b. When MassCEC has received your fully countersigned offer letter for your eligible candidate, and all previous requirements in steps #1 and #2 have been met, we will reserve funding for that intern for the session providing that funding is still available. We are not able to reserve your funding before we receive this signed document.
 - c. MassCEC may communicate to you at its discretion that your interns are approved to start working for you while your award letter is being drafted.

4) Sign and return your Award Letter

- a. When you receive your award letter, sign the document and return it to <u>internships@masscec.com</u> as soon as possible. This serves as your official agreement with MassCEC for the session.
- 5) Submit your Reimbursement Package. You must submit your fully completed reimbursement packages before the session deadline of September 30, 2025. We will not provide any reimbursements for packages submitted past this date. MassCEC reserves the right to deny reimbursement funding for a Host Employer's session if a complete reimbursement package is not received by the session's reimbursement package submission deadline.

- a. MassCEC will provide you with reimbursement materials and instructions. Please fill these materials out and send them back to MassCEC. <u>Only send reimbursement</u> <u>packages that include all interns</u>.
- b. For MassCEC to reimburse you, we will need:
 - i. Your Award Letter, countersigned and returned to us (step #4 above)
 - ii. MassCEC reimbursement sheet filled out for each intern
 - iii. Mandatory survey (link found in reimbursement instructions) completed
 - iv. Signed expenditure certification form
 - v. **If requested,** backup documentation should be in the form of <u>paycheck stubs</u> <u>and/or a payroll summary</u> showing YTD wages and applicable taxes paid for each intern.