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**[Morris Awarded \\$360,830 Career Ready Internship Grant from Great Lakes](#)**

*Summary: The campus will create 190 new paid internships exclusively for students with financial need.*

MORRIS, Minnesota (October 20, 2015)—The University of Minnesota, Morris has been awarded a three-year, \$360,830 Career Ready Internship Grant from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. Morris will create an anticipated 190 new paid internships during the 2015–18 academic years.

The Career Ready Internship Grant will enable Morris to create an unprecedented number of new campus-affiliated paid internship opportunities—intended for students with demonstrated financial need—throughout the surrounding community. It also will strengthen Morris’s existing career services resources and alleviate transportation costs incurred by students during travel to and from work sites.

“We are pleased that the University of Minnesota, Morris will be able to provide career experience and additional educational value for our students, while our students will add value to organizations and businesses in west central Minnesota,” said Bart Finzel, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. “We trust that employers will find them an extraordinary resource for the region.”

“Paid internships benefit students, colleges, and employers,” said Richard D. George, Great Lakes president and chief executive officer. “Students gain meaningful workplace skills and are more likely to earn degrees and use their internship experiences to help secure good jobs upon graduation. Colleges will see increased completion and job placement rates, and employers gain a pipeline to fresh talent. It’s a win-win-win.”

Following three months of administrative planning, employer outreach, and student recruitment, Morris will place eligible juniors and seniors in internships beginning in January 2016. The Great Lakes grant period continues through May 2018.

Morris is one of 33 colleges and universities in Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin that received a combined \$12 million in Great Lakes grants to make internships more equitable for their students with financial need. The campus will collaborate with businesses and nonprofit organizations to provide the greatest number of current and future students with an educational opportunity they might not otherwise have.

**About Morris**

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at [morris.umn.edu](http://morris.umn.edu) or call 888-866-3382.

**About Great Lakes: Dedicated to making college education a reality since 1967.**

Knowing that education has the power to change lives for the better, Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates was established as a nonprofit group focused on a single objective: helping students nationwide prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education and student loan repayment. As a leading student loan guarantor and servicer, we have been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to provide assistance and repayment planning to more than 8 million borrowers—as well as assistance to colleges and lenders nationwide. Our group’s earnings support one of the largest and most respected education philanthropy programs in the country. Since 2006, we have committed nearly \$154 million in grant funding to promote higher education access and completion for students of color, low-income students, and first-generation students. For additional information, visit [home.mygreatlakes.org](http://home.mygreatlakes.org).

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