



HOW DO I ACCESS THE COLLEGE'S OUTREACH RESOURCES?

This document is intended to provide business and industry with an overview of ways they can access the college's many outreach resources. If you don't know where to go for help, please feel free to use our SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT system:

Voice mail: 814-898-7700

E-mail: industryhelp@psu.edu

Web: www.behrend.psu.edu/research/research.htm

FACULTY AND STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICES – Through the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP) company representatives have access to free technical informational services. Local contact can be made at 814-898-6046 or at www.penntap.psu.edu. The college's library is also an excellent source of information, including many on-line databases and patent search assistance. The library may be contacted at 814-898-6106.

FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROJECTS – In general, projects of short duration that do not involve intellectual property are handled through a single-page quote sheet or through a memorandum of agreement for academic research services. You may contact a specific technical resource or use our *single point of contact* option. A listing of selected faculty members' teaching and research expertise can be found at www.behrend.psu.edu/research/teachingspec.pdf.

RESEARCH PROJECTS – Projects that include intellectual property (patents, etc.), no matter what size, are handled through a sponsored research agreement. You may contact a specific technical resource or use the *single point of contact* option.

APPLIED RESEARCH CENTERS – Companies can gain access to faculty expertise through one of the college's centers which engage in a combination of fee-for-service, outreach, and education activities. Refer to the college's Web site at www.behrend.psu.edu/research/applyresearch.htm for more details.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING – Through the Center for Continuing Education, staff is available to assist in the design and delivery of professional development and training programs for business, industry, educators, and others. Contact can be made through the center at 814-898-6103 or at www.behrend.psu.edu/cde/cdeindx.htm.

STUDENTS

INTERNSHIPS - Internships are considered professional, career-related experiences in a business or industry setting. Student interns can bring fresh and creative ideas to an organization at a nominal cost, while allowing company representatives to evaluate the interns as potential full-time employees. Internships are coordinated through the Career Development Center at 814-898-6164 or at www.behrend.psu.edu/student/cdc/internships.htm.

SENIOR PROJECTS - All senior students in engineering and engineering technology degree programs are required to conduct team-oriented capstone projects. Each project must address an actual design or manufacturing problem that is sponsored by regional industry. The students work alongside representatives of industry to formulate and implement solutions. More than fifty student teams are available annually. Contact the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology at 814-898-6153 or at www.behrend.psu.edu/academic/engineering/seniorprojects for more details.

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM – Many students engage in substantive community-based service projects. The Center for Service Leadership holds a volunteer fair each fall to assist local community-based organizations in recruiting students. Contact the center at 814-898-6609 for more details.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES - Many students are available to work part-time. Students often play a significant role within an organization while gaining invaluable on-the-job experience. Students may be contacted directly or through a faculty member; however, it is recommended that part- and full-time job opportunities be channeled through the Career Development Center at 814-898-6164 or at www.behrend.psu.edu/student/cdc.

ACCESS TO GRADUATES - Through partnerships with Penn State Behrend's faculty, staff, and students, company representatives may have enhanced exposure to students and consequently, enhanced opportunity to recruit students. A major opportunity for recruitment of students occurs during the annual fall career fair (www.behrend.psu.edu/student/cdc/careerfair.htm), where companies set up booths and have the opportunity to meet informally with potential employees. Formal student recruitment and interviewing is coordinated through the Career Development Center at 814-898-6164 or at www.behrend.psu.edu/student/cdc/oncampusrecruiting.htm.

OTHER RESOURCES

KNOWLEDGE PARK AT PENN STATE ERIE - Knowledge Park is a 200-acre area of campus reserved for knowledge-based organizations, allowing them to locate near and take full advantage of the college's intellectual and physical resources. Park tenants are closely linked to Penn State Behrend's technology transfer, applied research, education, and outreach services. The park is being developed in collaboration with the Greater Erie Industrial Development Corporation. Contact 814-898-6160, 814-899-6022, or www.behrend.psu.edu/kpark for more details.