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# EPIC

Employer  
Provided  
Innovation  
Challenges

Micro-Internships & Work-Based Learning



In partnership with the U.S. Chamber  
of Commerce Foundation



# WHAT IS EPIC

Employer Provided Innovation Challenges (EPIC) is an initiative through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation that provides students with project based micro-internships and work-based learning opportunities. Each student will also receive a special credential for completing the challenge.

These challenges allow students to go beyond the classroom to work directly with real businesses, gaining valuable job experience and career preparation.

As a host organization, Emerge connects schools and employers to facilitate EPIC projects, in partnership with the U.S Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

## SOLUTIONS



### For Schools

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EPIC offers schools the opportunity to provide their students with real-world experience and increased career readiness. By completing projects for real businesses, students will gain a better understanding of the careers available to them, valuable employability skills, and build connections with potential employers.

### For Employers

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EPIC offers employers cost and time effective solutions to grow their businesses and enhance their talent pipelines. By working with students on project based challenges, employers will gain fresh and innovative insights to address actual business problems, while also building a pipeline of career-ready talent.



# OUR VISION

We envision a scalable network of EPIC partnerships, where students will have the opportunity to showcase their projects at the state and national level. Students will begin by presenting to employers at the local level, before moving on to present alongside other schools in their region. From there, select teams from each regional district will advance to the state level, where they will share their work with a wider audience of educators, industry leaders, and community stakeholders. Ultimately, the strongest teams from each state will earn the opportunity to present on the national stage, showcasing their innovations to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation in Washington, D.C.



Students may also have the opportunity to present their projects to local trade associations, non-profits, community groups, and other coalitions, allowing them to connect with larger groups of employers within specific industries.

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Experience



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