

Strengthening College to Career Pathways

*Insights from National Research on Guidance and
Work-Based Learning*



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About the NEW ENGLAND BOARD *of* HIGHER EDUCATION



Mission

To advance equitable postsecondary outcomes through convening, research and programs for students, institution leaders and policymakers.

Vision

Everyone in New England will have lifelong access to affordable, high-value postsecondary education.

Our Goals Today

Share:

- Research on student experiences on college-to-career pathway
- Research on impact of coaching, guidance, & work-based learning experiences
- Opportunities to participate in Strada's State Opportunity Index (SOI) research, to assess institutional strengths & opportunities
- NEBHE's Learn and Earn Internship Challenge—and emerging opportunities to participate

Learn and Earn Internship Challenge

OBJECTIVES

- Accelerate robust learn-and-earn ecosystem in New England
 - Expand & scale learn-and-earn opportunities
 - Support creation of 10K+ new paid LAE experiences
- Build awareness of internship economic value
- Engage key stakeholders: institution leaders, SHEEOs, business, policymakers
 - Define quality internships
 - Develop understanding of internships outcomes for students & employers
 - Understand value to student success & regional economy

Learn and Earn Internship Challenge

- Multi-phase initiative: research & programmatic activities to expand learn-and-earn opportunities for postsecondary students
- Partnership with the Burning Glass Institute (BGI)

Phase I activities

- Foundational Case Making
 - BGI Research Report: In-depth economic analysis (Fall '25)
 - Current market of internship opportunities in New England/nationally
 - Internship ROI: career mobility, underemployment, long-term earnings
 - Landscape assessment: work-based learning in New England

Learn and Earn Internship Challenge

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Phase I activities, cont'd.

- Coalition Building, Stakeholder Engagement, Needs Assessment
 - Steering & advisory groups with stakeholder representation
 - Understanding of shared needs & opportunities for scaling
 - Opportunities for collaboration & shared resource development

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