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**Cornell Center for Materials Research Collaborates with Entrepreneurship at Cornell to Match Students with New York State Companies for Internships**

**Ithaca, NY** - The Cornell Center for Materials Research Industrial Partnerships Program is designed to help New York State’s businesses access world-class capabilities; solve technical challenges; and develop and improve their products, with the ultimate goals of revenue growth and job creation.

This year, the CCMR launched a collaboration with Entrepreneurship at Cornell to provide opportunities to New York State businesses to benefit from adding innovative employees to their team for a pre-determined project; and to offer entrepreneurial students the opportunity to gain real world experience during summer internships in small to mid-sized New York State businesses.

Three companies benefited from the program during the 2018 summer:

- **Awisco** (Maspeth, Queens) trained a student in all aspects of its business, providing a comprehensive firsthand understanding of the industry, from the warehouse and loading dock, to the manufacturing facility and front office. The student had also the opportunity to shadow the CEO.
- **Capro-X** (Ithaca, Tompkins County) trained an intern who assisted in building and operating fermentation bioreactors, analyzing and optimizing system performance and designing a scaled-up bioprocess. This helped Capro-X evaluate new bio-oil extraction techniques and perform organic chemical conversion on products for the specialty chemistry and pharmaceutical industries.
- **Zymtronix** (Ithaca, Tompkins County) hired an intern who conducted literature review, synthesis of organic and inorganic composites, material characterization, particle size analysis, standard operation procedure writing, data analysis and presentations.

The CCMR provides 20% of matching funds not to exceed $1,000 per internship to companies developing products or technologies related to materials. The program is also supported by Empire State Development’s Division of Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR). Small to mid-sized New York State manufacturing and research and development businesses from the following industry sectors are eligible: materials, chemistry, energy, pharmaceuticals, food and textile.

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