



TMC Works STEM Ambassador Orientation



Mission:

The Idaho Out-of-School Network's (ION) mission is to build, advocate for, and lead a strong out-of-school community. ION provides tools and resources to increase access to quality youth programs.

Vision:

Every Idaho child has an opportunity to learn and thrive through participation in a high quality out-of-school program.

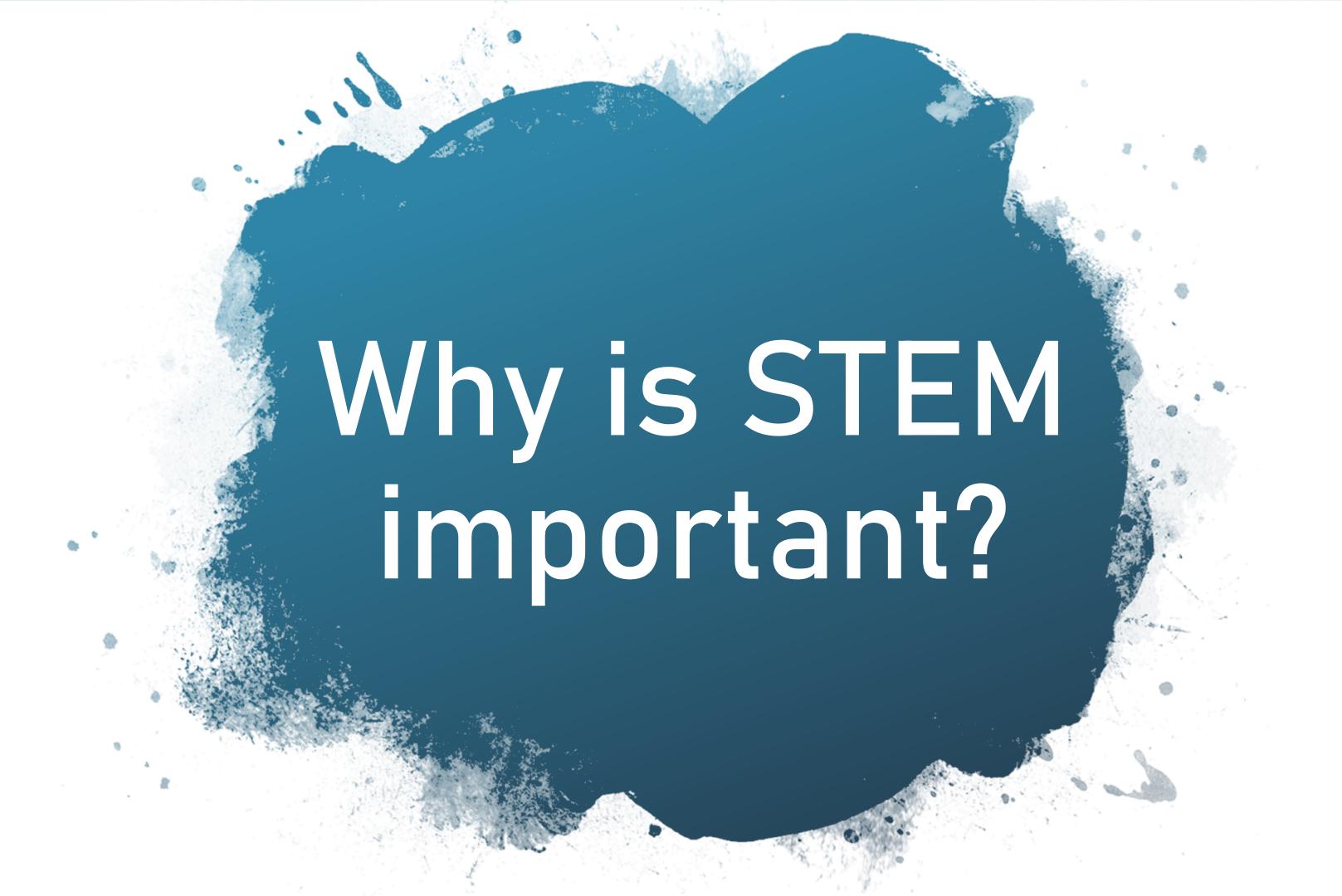


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The State of America's Workforce



UNITED STATES

40%

of U.S. companies report difficulty in filling positions because of a lack of STEM skills.'

INTERNATIONAL

\$2.5 Trillion

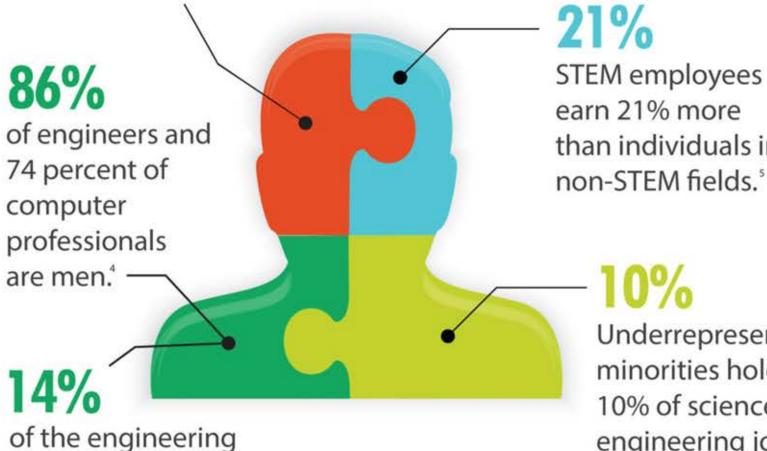
The U.S. would gain an extra \$2.5 trillion in Gross Domestic Product between now and 2050 if its students scored at the international average on math and science tests.2

27%

workforce is made up

of women.4

of the new high-skills jobs related to agriculture that will be created in the next five years will require a STEM education.3



than individuals in non-STEM fields.5

Underrepresented minorities hold only 10% of science and engineering jobs despite making up over a quarter of the U.S. population age 21 and older.6

Sources:

- Brookings Institution, Still Searching: Job Vacancies and STEM Skills, 2014
- Washington Center for Equitable Growth, January 2015
- https://www.purdue.edu/usda/employment/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/2-Page-USDA-Employ.pdf
- 4. CTEq analysis of U.S. Census Bureau report on STEM college graduates, 2014
- 5. Brookings Institution, Still Searching: Job Vacancies and STEM Skills, 2014
- National Science Foundation, Science & Engineering Indicators, 2013

80%



For students in elementary through high school, more than 80% of their time is spent learning outside of school at afterschool and summer programs, in libraries, museums, science centers, or at home or in the community.

15%



Female scientists and engineers are concentrated in different occupations than are men, with relatively high shares of women in the social sciences (62%) and biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences (48%) and relatively low shares in engineering (15%) and computer and mathematical sciences (25%).



3%



Women make up half of the total U.S. college-educated workforce, but less than one third of the science and engineering workforce. Latinx and African-American women make up less than 3%.

STEM teaches "soft" skills

- •A.k.a. durable or 21st century skills
- Employers have trouble filling jobs due to the "soft skills" gap
- Major in-demand skills of tomorrow are the Four C's:
 - Communication
 - Collaboration
 - Creativity
 - Critical thinking
- Youth learn widely-applicable problem-solving through inquiry.

Karimia, Haleh S., Piña, Anthony A. "Strategically Addressing the Soft Skills Gap Among STEM Undergraduates." *Journal of Research in STEM Education*, Vol 7, No 1, July 2021, 21–46. https://doi.org/10.51355/jstem.2021.99

Challenges to STEM Education

The following reasons were the same if STEM was offered in afterschool programs or not:

- ✓ Do not have funding for STEM curriculum
- ✓ Do not have qualified staff
- ✓ Do not have time for a STEM program
- ✓ Do not know of an appropriate STEM curriculum





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TMC LABS

- TMC Leadership Team successfully launched the first 16 labs in May 2021.
- 28 TMC Labs on the road in 2023, plus 2 TMC Unhitched site
- More than 70,000 youth have used the labs so far.
- Each month, approximately use TMC Labs.



TMC Lab Locations

- UI Extension 4-H Youth Development
- **UI Extension in Bingham County**
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley
- Treasure Valley Family YMCA
- Nampa School District
- Boys & Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley
- 7. Children's Museum of the Magic Valley
- UI Extension in Schitsu'umsh Reservation
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Lewis-Clark Valley
- 10. UI Extension in Nez Perce Reservation
- 11. Moscow School District
- 12. UI Extension in Lemhi County
- 13. East Bonner County Library District U1. BSU OnRamp

- 14. Gooding Public Library
- 15. UI Extension in Boundary County
- 16. UI Extension in Bear Lake County
- 17. Boys & Girls Club of Ada County
- 18. Boys & Girls Club Ada County
- 19. Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley
- 20. Pinehurst After School Solutions
- 21. United Way of Idaho Falls and **Bonneville County**
- 22. Boys & Girls Club of the Shoshone-**Bannock Tribes**
- 23. United Way of Southeastern Idaho
- 24. One Stone
- 25. Mountain View School District
- 26. Treasure Valley Family YMCA
- 27. Boys and Girls Club of Canyon County
- 28. Parma Learning Center



What is TMC Labs?



STEM Labs in trailers

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STEM activities

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Educator Training



TMC LABS







GOAL 1

Expand access to STEM learning and skills to ALL youth.



GOAL 2

Train educators to provide hands-on STEM learning to youth.



GOAL 3

Increase communities' support of STEM learning and support Idaho's workforce development.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FUND:

Funding Source: Idaho WDC

Innovation Grants fund local workforce development projects, providing skills training and career connections to address employer-identified skill gaps and promote economic mobility, job creation, and innovation.



TMC WORKS!







GOAL 1

Support STEM programing at out-of-school time employers.



GOAL 2

Increase STEM job skills of 250 teenage and adult workers.



GOAL 3

Increase STEMreadiness of the overall Idaho workforce.

STEM AMBASSADORS WILL...

- 20 hours of training
- 80 placement hours
- Earn \$750
- Learn STEM by teaching STEM to younger children
- Contribute to STEM program at your facility
- Develop workplace skills
- Explore future career options
- Optional: visit a STEM workplace
- Be able to enroll in apprenticeships (e.g. learning development professional)
- Optional: participate in the Youth Council



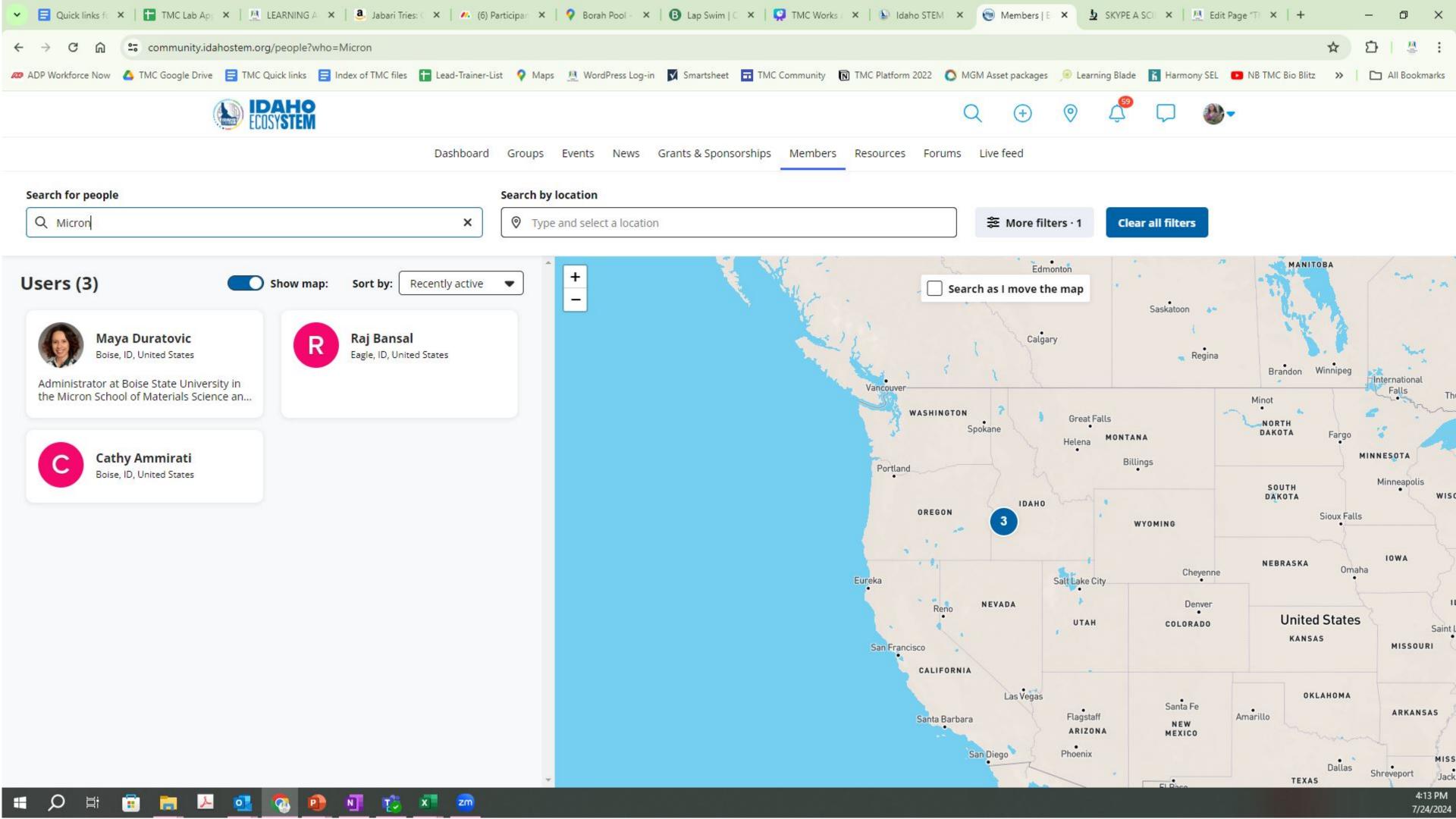
STEM Worksite/School Visit

Ambassadors will...

- Explore an area of interest
- See what a worksite looks like
- Learn steps for entering that workplace
- Meet people at the worksite

Do this by:

- Setting up a tour at a STEM employers
- Visit a STEM program at a higher-education institution
- Interview a STEM professional and learn about their career



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STEM Ambassador - To Do List

Earn \$750

- 1. Submit Tax ID# to Site Administrator
- 2. Sign up for ION's Learning Academy
- 3. Enroll in "STEM Ambassador Training (TMC Works)" on the Learning Academy
- 4. Fill out TMC Works Participant Registration Form (Step 1 of "STEM Ambassador Training (TMC Works)")
- 5. Complete first 7 steps of "STEM Ambassador Training (TMC Works)"
- 6. Attend 3-hour live training with STEM Supervisor within first few weeks

- 1. Complete 80 placement hours: plan, prepare, lead STEM activities with children
- 2. Complete TMC User Reports after STEM activities
- 3. Complete Steps 8 through 11 in online training
- 4. Complete and document 20 total training hours, including in-person and non-Learning Academy trainings
- 5. Optional:
 - STEM Activity Facilitation Reflection
 - Visit a STEM workplace or higher-education program to explore future careers

- 1. Finish submitting user reports
- 2. Document all training
- 3. Complete
 end-ofprogram
 survey
- 4. Receive stipend

All resources linked at idahooutofschool.org/tmc-works

PROGRAM START

COHORT DURATION

END OF COHORT

→ Summer 202	4: 6/15	.June - August	8/31/24
Spring 2025	1/1	September - December	5/31/25
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STEM Supervisor - To Do List

Earn \$750

- 1. Provide Tax ID# to Site Administrator
- 2. Register for ION's Learning Academy
- 3. Enroll in "STEM Supervisor Training (TMC Works)" on the Learning Academy
- 4. Fill out TMC Works Participant Registration Form (Step 1 of "STEM Supervisor Training")
- 5. Complete the first 8 steps of online training
- 6. Attend 4-hour in-person training with ION
- 7. Lead 3-hour live training with STEM
 Ambassadors within the first few weeks

- 1. Coordinate, mentor and coach STEM Ambassadors
- 2. Supervise and assist with STEM activity sessions
- 3. Submit TMC User Reports for all STEM activities (from you and your STEM Ambassadors)
- 4. Buy STEM materials for Ambassadors and submit receipts to Site Administrator
- 5. Complete and document 20 total training hours, including in-person and non-Learning Academy trainings. Ensure Ambassadors do the same.
- 6. Complete 80 placement hours.

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Site Administrator - To Do List

- 1. Review and sign your TMC Works contract
- 2. Attend Site Administrator Orientation
- 3. Recruit STEM Supervisors at your site
- 4. Collect STEM Supervisors' Tax ID#s
- 5. Submit Tax ID#s to ID Dept. of Labor portal
- 6. Email ION the names of Tax ID#s submitted
- 7. Coordinate in-person training with ION
- 8. Assign "STEM Supervisor Training" in ION's Learning Academy to STEM Supervisors
- 9. Ensure Supervisors immediately complete Step 1 (TMC Works Participant Registration Form) of "STEM Supervisor Training"

- 1. Track hours for STEM Supervisors and Ambassadors
- 2. Buy STEM materials & track receipts with Receipt Ledger form
- 3. Ensure Supervisors submit training records (online and inperson) and user reports
- 4. Check-in meeting with ION
- 5. Submit remaining Ambassadors and Supervisors' Tax ID#s
- 6. Assign post-program surveys to
 STEM Ambassadors & Supervisors
 near the end of their 100 hours

- 1. Ensure all participants have 20 hours of training documented in Learning Academy accounts
- 2. Ensure Supervisors have submitted TMC user reports for all STEM activities
- 3. Email ION with names of participants.
 Indicate if they have completed, dropped out or remain active in the program
- 4. Complete Site Administrator post-program survey
- 5. Pay out stipends and save documentation
- 6. Submit Invoice, stipend documentation and receipt ledger to ION for reimbursement

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Next Steps:

- Complete the first 7 steps of STEM Ambassador Training
- Submit your Tax ID number to your site administrator
- Schedule the 3-hour live training with your STEM Supervisor



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