

# AGC EDUCATOR EXTERNSHIP

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What is the AGC Educator Externship?

The Educator Externship is an immersive professional development experience for educators. Attaining a career in construction is a great way for *anyone* to find fulfillment in their occupation while making a salary that can comfortably support a family. At AGC we don't believe that construction is a backup option for those that don't make it in college—we believe that it is the *best* option for any person, and we want to share *why* we believe this with our state's hardworking educators.

Construction careers are wide-ranging, and the pathways into these rewarding and lucrative jobs also differ. The Educator Externship gives educators an up-close look at the many routes students can take after high school to enter a career in construction.

### How do we do this?

Educators spend anywhere from four to seven days visiting construction companies and training programs to learn first-hand about pathways into the construction trades and what skills youth need to be successful. During the experience, educators are given a behind the scenes look at the industry and have the opportunity to build authentic relationships with industry hosts.

### How are teachers compensated?

This varies by region. Some regions choose to offer a flat rate stipend for participation. Other regions pay an off-contract rate per hour to their educators. Most regions offer professional development units through their Education Service District (ESD) or school district.

### How is this paid for?

Regions utilize a variety of funding sources to cover the costs of educator participation. School districts and ESDs often have professional development funds that this experience qualifies for. Other sources can include Perkins, STEM Hubs, Workforce Investment Boards, GEAR Up, private funding, and other grants. AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter can also help cover costs of the program.

## **Other than educator compensation, what costs can I anticipate?**

Paying your educators is the primary funding need for most regions. Scheduling time and personal protective equipment are all coordinated by AGC and are no cost to regions. Some regions choose to pay mileage to their educators or perhaps provide meals during the experience. These are optional and dependent on your region's model of the program.

## **So how do I get started?**

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