

Press Release from [Add college name] - For Immediate Use [add date]

[Name of college] Community College has received a \$[add amount] [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#) grant from the [National Science Foundation](#), the U.S. government's independent science agency.

The three-year grant will fund the college's [Add Title for ATE project], which will test [name of college] faculty members' ideas to improve technician education.

[Quote from college president about how happy he/she is to receive this first or first in a long time ATE grant. Second sentence could explain how this project fits into a particular strategic goal or responds to specific needs of regional employers.]

Enrollment opens [add date]. For more info see [Add URL for project's website] or email [add contact's email address.]

[More description of the project], according to [Principal Investigator Insert name and TITLE such as Biology Professor/ Engineering Technology Instructor/ etc.] As principal investigator, [ADD last name of PI] will lead the new initiative with [add names of faculty team members] and in partnership with [list partner institution and businesses.]

[Add quote or two from leaders of partnership organization about how much they welcome opportunity to collaborate on this forward-thinking project to prepare students for high tech careers that pay well and fuel economic development in the region.]

[PI] and [NAME of Colleague] began preparing the grant proposal in 2020 with mentoring and technical support from [Mentor-Connect](#), which provides mentoring and technical resources to help two-year college faculty write competitive grant proposals. Mentor-Connect is an ATE project led by [Florence-Darlington Technical College](#) in partnership with the [American Association of Community Colleges](#).

[QUOTE FROM PI briefly summarizing how mentor helped and thanking Mentor-Connect for its assistance in gaining entrée to the ATE community around the country.]

The ATE program focuses on the education of technicians who work in high-tech fields that drive the nation's economy. Because two-year community and technical colleges are the leading sources of technician education in the United States, faculty from these higher education institutions have had leadership roles in most ATE projects since the program began in 1993.

Social Media announcement

[Name of college] Community College is launching [name of project] with a \$[add amount] National Science Foundation grant. . See [add url to press release] to learn more.

Press Release from Ardmore Community College - For Immediate Use Nov. 9, 2020

ARDMORE RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT FOR SMART FACTORY PROJECT

Ardmore Community College has received a \$250,000 [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#) grant from the [National Science Foundation](#), the U.S. government's independent science agency.

The three-year grant will fund the college's Smart Factory Technicians initiative. The project aims to improve information technology skills of technicians so they can program and maintain equipment, and gather and analyze data from networked devices in Smart Factories.

"We are thrilled to receive Ardmore's first ATE grant. It will help our college to participate more fully in this important national program to prepare a highly qualified technical workforce," said Ardmore President Amy Johnson. "Congratulations to Earl Williams, industrial maintenance instructor, and Jane Smith, computer science professor, for this new approach to aligning our graduates' skills with the needs of advanced manufacturers throughout the region."

Students may now enroll in the program that begins in 2021. For more info see <http://www.smarttechs.edu> or contact Williams at ewilliams@ardmore.edu or Smith at jsmith@ardmore.edu.

Johnson noted that Williams and Smith began planning the project last year with guidance from [Mentor-Connect](#), an ATE project that provides mentoring and technical resources to help two-year college faculty write competitive grant proposals. Mentor-Connect is an ATE project led by [Florence-Darlington Technical College](#) in partnership with the [American Association of Community Colleges](#).

At the suggestion of their Mentor-Connect mentor, Samantha Adams, Williams and Smith organized a group of industry advisors to inform their planning. The advisory group includes the production managers at 3-D Derived Inc., Cool Manufacturing LLC, and Simpson Specialty Steel. All three companies have agreed to provide internships for students.

"The internet of things is ushering in a new era for manufacturers. We are delighted that Ardmore Community College faculty started this project to teach the cutting-edge skills that our region's high-tech employers need," said Sally Jones, vice president at 3-D Derived Inc.

Williams said, "Mentor-Connect's mentoring helped us establish true partnerships with industry that informed our plans for this project and are already improving other workforce efforts. We are particularly grateful to our mentor for reading and commenting on multiple drafts of our proposal."

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Resource for New NSF ATE Grantees

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