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## Fueling the Future of Innovation Through Philanthropy

*NYSTEC's contribution supports transportation for students participating in summer internship programs*



College interns arrive at Griffiss Institute via bus, part of a regional transportation initiative designed to ensure safe, reliable summer travel between Mohawk Valley-based campuses and research opportunities at Innovare and AFRL.

**Rome, NY — June 25, 2025** Griffiss Institute is pleased to announce a \$27,000 philanthropic gift from NYSTEC to address a critical need for 2025 summer internship programs and transportation support for visiting student interns. The contribution will help college students travel safely from their summer residences in the Mohawk Valley to their intern jobs in Rome, NY, where they will engage in research at the Innovare Advancement Center (IAC) and the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL).

“Access to talent requires removing real-world obstacles, and in this case, the need was simple and immediate, getting students here,” said Seth Mulligan, COO of Griffiss Institute. “NYSTEC’s timely gift allows us to meet that need head-on and ensures that students can fully participate in research that supports emerging technologies and national defense priorities.”

The internships, led by Dr. Timothy Kroecker at the Air Force Research Laboratory, include students

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from institutions nationwide and provides applied learning opportunities alongside subject-matter experts.



**NYSTEC CEO and President  
Kevin M. Owens**

“We’re proud to partner with Griffiss Institute and contribute to a program that is developing tomorrow’s innovators,” said Kevin M. Owens, NYSTEC CEO and President. “This kind of support helps keep promising students on the path to meaningful careers in technology and research, fueling the workforce of tomorrow.”

This philanthropic investment exemplifies how organizations can come together to solve operational challenges and support practical solutions that directly impact student success.

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#### About Griffiss Institute

Griffiss Institute is a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Rome, NY, accelerating national security innovation through its three-pillar mission of Talent, Technology, and Venture Development. As the steward of the Innovare Advancement Center, an open, unclassified research and collaboration campus, Griffiss Institute fosters and drives partnerships across government, industry, and academia to advance dual-use technologies. Griffiss Institute is committed to strengthening national security through nontraditional STEM education, accelerated innovation, and the commercialization of emerging technologies, with a deep belief in American-made solutions, the reshoring of advanced manufacturing, and the development of a resilient U.S. science and engineering workforce.

#### About NYSTEC

NYSTEC is a nonprofit technology consulting company, advising government agencies, organizations, institutions and businesses since 1996. Their highly skilled professionals work with clients on IT strategies, solutions, acquisitions and security across industries. NYSTEC has offices in Albany and Rome, NY, and New York City.

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