

RI MADE

Accelerating the Defense Ecosystem

Receive training, education and practical experience in Cybersecurity, Automation & Robotics, Supply Chain consulting. Get inspired (AND PAID!) as you are introduced to RI's innovative manufacturing community.

The RI MADE program provides support to small and medium sized manufacturers that are in the DoD supply chain or considering defense-related contracts to strengthen, expand and modernize the local defense supply chain.

College students are a key part of the RI MADE initiative. The program is not only making investments in manufacturing facilities and technology, it's investing in the future workforce that will keep these companies innovate and growing.

Student Engagement

- Students are hired as consultants and will work as part of a team.
- Students must participate in training to conduct Phase One cybersecurity and automation assessments. The training is executed by nationally-respected ARM (Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing) and MxD (Manufacturing x Digital).
- Students must participate in training to conduct supply chain and risk mitigation assessments. The training is executed by expert manufacturing advisors from Polaris MEP.
- Students must be willing to travel to manufacturing facilities within RI who have been selected to participate in the program.
- Students must attend a walk-through of the manufacturing space and participate in executing the assessments in-person at the facility.
- Students must participate in drafting and presenting a gap analysis report to the selected manufacturer.

Student Benefits

- Students are paid based on academic level.
- Assignments are timed not to interfere with breaks, exam periods or the end of the semester.
- Students receive consulting experience and coaching in preparing and presenting reports.
- Students receive experience talking to members of industry leadership.
- Students get exposure to Rhode Island manufacturing businesses and employers, through site tours and report-outs.



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