# IACMI – The Composites Institute

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**Convene. Connect. Catalyze.** 



## **Better Products, Processes & People**



















Technology R&D























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## A Decade of Innovation



Signing Day!
June 17, 2015



Members Meeting June 24, 2025



# **Project Impact Report**



## **World Class Facilities**

IACMI has catalyzed the creation of \$400M of state-of-the-art facilities



## **World Renowned Researchers**

IACMI's leadership brings more than 200 years of composites innovation



## **Innovations: Processes & Products**

60 Research Projects → 90 Members → 40+ Commercial Products















# **Workforce Development**

A National Need







THE NEED

60%

of manufacturers say they have ongoing difficulties in attracting and retaining workers.

IN DEMAND

2.1 million

manufacturing jobs could go unfilled by **2030**.

**STRONG PAY** 

\$98,846

average earning of US manufacturing workers in 2022.

# **Workforce Development**

Filling the Talent Pipeline





# **ACE – America's Cutting Edge**



15,154

Online Registrants Across All

**50 STATES** 

3,514

Total In Person Participants

43

ACE Training Sites Across

14 STATES



**13 available courses** with **7 new courses** published in 2025

- Intro to Composites
- Composites in Automotive
- Composites in Aerospace
- Composites in Machining
- Composites in Energy Storage
- Composites in Nondestructive Testing
- Smart Manufacturing

# 1<sup>st</sup> Composites Bootcamp at Winona State Completed







Cal Poly Pomona

# METAL - Metallurgical Engineering Trades Apprenticeship & Learning

4,260	Total Direct Engagement at Outreach Events
675	Total Online Registrants
445	Total In Person Workshop Participants
107	Total In Person Bootcamp Participants
36	Total Interns Placed
21	Total Registered Apprentices Placed
15	Total Pre-apprentices Placed



Expanded into 5 sites and 4 additional states in 2025

7
METAL Training
Sites Across
6 STATES



# **Internships**

Real-world experience





AOD Engineer Memphis

Alix Ambross (UTK 2018)



ORBITAL COMPOSITES

Mkt & Bus Devel Knoxville

Haley Coughlin (UTK 2019)





Fiber Sizing Knoxville

Will Henken (UTK 2024)



Now matching for Fall 2025.

Forward Engineering North America Royal Oak, MI

- Daniel Tolentino-Campanero, CA
- Kohl Hicks, TN

Revolin Sports -Holland, MI

• Aidan Fickel, MI

Vartega -Golden, CO

• Taylir Nagel, *UT* 

Blade Repair Academy -Dunlap, TN

• Elizabeth Donoghue, MI

Spring 2026 applications open soon.

Cornerstone Research Group - Miamisburg, OH

- Ryan Burden, OH (Spring '25)
- Merritt Alspaugh, OH
- Elijah Barker, OH
- Karr Stump, OH

Vitraform3D -Knoxville, TN

• Mahnoor Zubair, CA

Endeavor Composites -Knoxville, TN

- Kylie Corvin, TN (Spring '25)
- Julia Flynn, *TN*

#### **Economic Growth in TN**

IACM-ORNL-UT Advanced Manufacturing Ecosystem



Most Employed in TN \$15 M/yr
Annual Salaries

35
IACMI Member
Companies across TN

\$435M

Capital Investments in TN by IACMI Partners

3,278

New Manufacturing Jobs announced in TN

**Start-Up Companies** 

>9,000

**Workforce Students** 







**Positioned for Another Great Decade!!** 







- Manufacturing
  - Workforce Development
- Onshoring Jobs
- Economic Growth
- National Security







