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## **Maryland's Technology Internship Program Rapidly Expanding**

Over the last three years, the partnership between the Maryland Technology Internship Program (MTIP) and the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has flourished to provide invaluable experience and opportunities for college students and a wealth of talent and knowledge for DoIT. Since 2019, DoIT has had over 25 interns working in a variety of different areas of expertise, many of whom have worked for multiple semesters and some who have gone on to work for DoIT as full-time employees or contractors.

DoIT is proud of all of our interns and the hard work that they do for the department and our partner agencies. Recently Matthew Smeriglio, DoIT's Data Services intern, was named Intern of the Month for the MTIP. Matthew will be presenting this week at the Council on Open Data meeting on DoIT's Open Data "Data Freshness" initiative, as well as information on ongoing workgroup initiatives such as new training offerings and updates to the State's open data policies.

"DoIT is very excited to have such impressive and bright students working alongside our Maryland IT professionals and working on some groundbreaking projects," said Secretary Michael G. Leahy. "This program is a great example of how the public and private sector can work together with academia to fuel growth in the technology sector in our state."

The MTIP helps Maryland retain top tech talent by increasing the number of paid technical internships offered in the state. Administered by University of Maryland Baltimore County and funded by the State of Maryland, the program offers financial assistance to technology-based businesses, as well as state and local agencies, to hire more interns.

For more information about the Maryland Technology Internship Program [click here](#).