



“Every day we are excited and thankful for the Export Assistance program through the North Dakota Trade Office. The program has been so instrumental in our international efforts successes. The numerous co-workers we have had the pleasure of getting to know them and the joy of seeing them grow professionally is priceless. Franco Weisser has become a Full-Time Titan Machinery employee and we have the NDTO and its Export Assistance program to thank for the opportunity enjoy the successes of Franco.”

- Don Aberle, Store Manager at Titan Outlet Stores

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Export Assistant Program



**Strengthening
North Dakota's
International Business
Workforce**



“NDTO's Export Assistant Program allowed me the opportunity to further my education and at the same time work for a local company. This experience has helped hone my analytical skills, improve my profile, increase my network and refine my person, just to mention a few. My big thank you to everybody behind this laudable program.”

- Olajide (Oscar) Ogungbe,
Export Assistant at Valley
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The Export Assistant Program is sponsored by the North Dakota Trade Office and North Dakota's universities.

Company Benefits

The Export Assistant Program identifies, screens and places talented graduate students within North Dakota businesses that want to expand their global business opportunities.

Global Business Benefits:

- ⇒ Graduate students are placed based on the needs of participating companies and the skills sets of students who can best meet company needs. Many of the students are bilingual and have significant business experience and contacts in high-demand foreign markets.
- ⇒ Export Assistants work as much as 20 hours per week during the school year and become full-time staff - 40 hours a week - during summer breaks. Participating companies commit to providing a two-year assistantship.
- ⇒ Qualified graduate students help build global business - without a hefty price tag. Export Assistants earn \$12 an hour of which is paid by the company
- ⇒ Participating companies report that the Export Assistant Program provides the resources needed to successfully pursue global business opportunities that otherwise would not have been realized.



Student Benefits

Export assistants, available through North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota, are working today in many North Dakota industries including food processing, manufacturing and the medical equipment sector. Several former export assistants have moved on to careers in international business in North Dakota.

Export Assistants:

- ⇒ Earn a paycheck
- ⇒ Gain valuable work experience related to their graduate studies
- ⇒ Earn college credit and tuition assistance
- ⇒ Make professional connections that can put them on the fast track to success
- ⇒ After graduation, may be eligible to enroll an Optional Practical Training program, which allows them to work for an export company for one year.