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The IF/THEN® Champions Network is offering **two scholarships** for organizational member staff to participate in [MuseumLab for Museum Professionals](#) (MLMP), an eight-month professional learning program from the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh in partnership with ASTC. MLMP is designed to give science center and museum professionals the opportunity to experiment, prototype, and develop new approaches to exhibit design.

Scholarship recipients will use the MLMP experience to create new exhibit concepts featuring IF/THEN® Ambassadors, exploring creative ways to bring Ambassador stories, careers, and contributions to life for visitors. Final exhibit concepts will be shared with the Champions Network, providing inspiration to other members to incorporate Ambassadors into their own exhibits and experiences.

[Apply for the Scholarship](#)

Eligibility to apply:

- Must apply to the MLMP program (review [requirements](#) and [apply for MLMP](#))
- Must be employed by an **ASTC member institution** in good standing
- Must be an organizational member of the Champions Network (or apply to become one by November 15, 2026)

Scholarship includes:

- Full MLMP program participation fee
- Travel stipend of \$2,500 which can be used towards:
 - Travel to and from the onsite week in Pittsburgh, PA (hotel and select meals provided by MLMP)
 - Travel and lodging to and from ASTC Conference in 2027 (registration fees provided by MLMP)

Scholarship selection criteria:

Scholarship application responses will be considered alongside MLMP application responses.

- Alignment with the goals of MLMP and the Champions Network
- Commitment to engaging diverse audiences in STEM
- A clear plan to apply and share what you learn

Timeline:

- Deadline for organizations to join the Champions Network is November 15, 2026
- Applications for both MLMP and the scholarship are due by December 18, 2026
- Applicants will hear from MLMP and ASTC by the end of January 2027

Commitments for scholarship:

- Participate fully in MLMP
- Meet with ASTC team for up to four hours over the course of the eight-month MLMP program
- Explore the IF/THEN® Collection and weave photo and/or video of at least one IF/THEN® Ambassador into the final product designed through the MLMP Program. ASTC staff will assist with identifying Ambassadors and make recommendations about opportunities to highlight IF/THEN content.
- Provide shareable documentation of your designs (photos, descriptions, etc)
- Share your work with the Champions Network through webinars, blogs posts, and/or other opportunities

Scholarship application questions:

- 1) My institution is a member of ASTC and the IF/THEN® Champions Network.
 - Yes
 - No
- 2) Have you already applied for MuseumLab for Museum Professionals (MLMP)?
 - Yes
 - I'm applying later
- 3) I'm interested in participating in MLMP regardless of whether I will receive one of the two Champions Network scholarships for the program.
 - Yes, if accepted and I don't receive a scholarship, I will pay costs associated with MLMP at my own expense.
 - No, I can only participate in MLMP if I receive full scholarship funding.

The logo features the text "IF/THEN®" in orange inside a white box, and "CHAMPIONS NETWORK" in black inside a larger white box. The background is light blue with a network of colorful lines (purple, teal, orange) and dots.

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- 4) Briefly describe your institution's involvement with the Champions Network. If your institution is a new member, describe how you hope to be involved with the Champions Network.
- 5) The IF/THEN® Initiative seeks to inspire more people, especially girls and underrepresented audiences, to see themselves in STEM. Describe an experience, project, or idea that reflects your commitment to broadening participation in STEM.
- 6) By submitting this form, I understand that if I receive the scholarship, I will be obligated to the commitments described in this informational overview [see commitments above].

Reach out to IfThen@astc.org for questions related to the IF/THEN® Champions Network scholarships for MLMP. Questions about MLMP can be directed to MLMP@pittsburghkids.org.