Maine International Trade Center

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Financial Support for Maine Exporters

Funded through a grant from the US Small Business Administration (SBA), MITC provides financial support to SBA-eligible Maine companies seeking new international sales. Financial support can be used for export skills training, compliance testing or certification for export market entry, or international trade show participation.

Now Accepting Applications for STEP Financial Assistance Awards

Applications Open:
Nov. 16, 2026

Project Activity Period:
Dec. 15, 2026 – Aug. 30, 2027

Award Amounts:
$3,000 – $8,000

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as funding is available.



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Closing Soon: Internship Applications

Future Global Leaders is an internship program open to college students and recent college graduates. We offer international market research internships, which provide practical experience for interns and extend MITC's capacity to assist Maine businesses. These paid, part-time internships are located in our Portland office.



MITC has been very fortunate over the years to welcome more than 200 amazing interns to our team. Nearly 40% of our former interns continue to work in Maine, while approximately 13% are working internationally across 15 countries.

The deadline for applications for Summer & Fall 2027 is December 18, 2026. Do you know a Future Global Leader? Help us spread the word.

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Join Us - Become a MITC Member

Join Maine's premier network and community for international business professionals, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders. Our members build meaningful relationships with fellow business leaders while benefiting from valuable referrals, strategic connections, and new business opportunities.

Discover the benefits of MITC membership and join our growing community today.



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Upcoming Events

Maine International Trade Center staff and Board of Directors invite you to attend our **Annual Member Holiday Event** on Tuesday, December 8th. Join us for holiday cheer, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, and networking with other internationally active businesses to celebrate this year's successes and share plans for the year ahead. We hope to see you there!

Annual Member Holiday Event



December 8, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | South Portland, ME

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How can MITC help your business succeed in global markets?
Do you have questions or comments for our team?

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