

Strengthening Apprenticeship Intermediaries: Innovators Forum



July 2026

Application Instructions

Applicants should complete the online application. Applicants must upload a letter of support from the leadership of their organization with the application.

Application Questions

Section 1. Organizational Information

Organization name:

Website:

Primary contact name:

Title:

Email:

Type of organization:

Examples: workforce board, nonprofit intermediary, industry association, labor-management partnership, employer collaborative, education/training partner, public agency, other.

Location / geography served:

Industry focus:

Please identify the primary industries or sectors connected to your Registered Apprenticeship work.

Occupational focus:

Please list the occupation(s) where your organization currently sponsors, or is expanding Registered Apprenticeship.

Employer group focus:

Please list the employer groups(s) where your organization currently works with or is expanding Registered Apprenticeship, if applicable.

Section 2. Apprenticeship Role and Experience

Maximum 400 words

Describe your organization's role in Registered Apprenticeship.

Please include:

- Your organization's role in developing, launching, expanding, implementing, or improving apprenticeship programs;
- Your apprenticeship team make-up;
- Whether your organization is a sponsor, intermediary, or both;
- Your organization's role in apprentice recruitment, participant support, program coordination, and day-to-day apprenticeship operations; and
- The approximate scale of your apprenticeship work, such as number of employers, apprentices, occupations, programs, locations, schools, training providers, or partners involved.

Section 3. Expansion Plans

Maximum 300 words

Describe how your organization is currently expanding or strengthening Registered Apprenticeship.

Please include:

- New occupations, industries, sectors, regions, or communities;
- New employers or apprentices;
- Access for rural, underserved, or underrepresented populations;
- Program quality, retention, completion, or employer participation.

Section 4. Employer Engagement Practices

Maximum 400 words

Describe how your organization identifies, engages, and maintains employer relationships as part of its apprenticeship work.

Please include:

- If you serve as the Employer of Record (EOR);
- How you identify, engage, and maintain employer relationships;
- How you understand employer needs and use employer input to shape apprenticeship design, delivery, recruitment, retention, expansion, or improvement;
- One or two examples of systems, routines, tools, staffing approaches, advisory structures, or follow-up processes that support employer engagement.

Section 5. Key Partners

Maximum 250 words

Describe your organization's relationship with state agencies and other key partners involved in Registered Apprenticeship.

Please include:

- Key state, workforce, education, or economic development partners, sector partnerships, industry associations;
- How you coordinate with those partners;
- Partner roles in areas such as program approval, expansion, funding, employer engagement, related instruction, supportive services, or apprentice success;
- Any partnership strengths or coordination challenges relevant to the forum.

Section 6. Example of Strong, Innovative, or Promising Practice

Maximum 250 words

Share one example of a strong, innovative, or promising practice your organization has used to strengthen your apprenticeship work.

Section 7. Participation and Peer Contribution

Maximum 250 words

The SAI Innovators Forum is designed for active peer learning. Participants will be expected to share real examples, ask questions, offer feedback, and bring one live challenge or work-in-progress item to a Peer Practice Exchange.

Please include:

- Experiences, tools, lessons, or practices you can share with peers;
- A challenge, decision, tool, process, or work-in-progress topic for a Peer Practice Exchange;
- What your team hopes to learn, test, improve, or refine;
- How your team will contribute actively to the forum.

Section 8. Team Members

Please identify the team members who would participate in the SAI Innovators Forum.

Team Lead

Name:

Title:

Email:

The Team Lead will serve as the primary point of contact and is expected to participate consistently throughout the forum year.

Core Team Member 1

Name:

Title:

Email:

Core Team Member 2, if applicable

Name:

Title:

Email:

Section 9: Attachments

Required Attachment

Please provide the following attachment:

- Letter of commitment for the innovation forum signed by a senior leader who confirms organizational support for participation if selected.