



# INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP



SEE IT  
IN ACTION

## Join a community of innovators

Imagine a Western New York where every student has the tools to shape their own future with technology, where your classroom becomes a launchpad for curiosity, creativity, and real-world impact, and where students don't just consume digital content – they create it. At [TechBuffalo](#), we believe teachers are at the heart of this transformation, and we're here to support you every step of the way – by providing a generous stipend to teachers at no cost to the school.

TechBuffalo has already introduced over 500 students and families to coding through hands-on Family Code Nights. Now, with support from the [43North Foundation](#) and [Microsoft](#), we're ready to expand this impact across the region – and we're looking for innovative educators to help lead the way.

Here's how you can be part of it:

- **Become an Innovation Fellow:** Join a growing community of K–8 educators transforming their classrooms into tech-powered learning environments. Get the tools, training, and support to bring future-ready skills to your students.
- **Lead Families Into Tech:** Help us host [Family Code Nights](#) and launch weekly tech clubs that invite families to explore, learn, and build digital confidence together.
- **Spark Creativity With [Minecraft](#):** Be part of our first-ever Minecraft Global Build Challenge, where students will reimagine Buffalo through virtual worlds – and bring their boldest ideas to life.

Supported by:



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## PROGRAM TIMELINE

### EMPOWER TEACHERS



**June 2025:** WNY K-8 educators are invited to apply to become an Innovation Fellow who will transform their classrooms into hubs of local innovation. Those selected will receive training, a stipend, and program resources.

### ENGAGE STUDENTS + FAMILIES



**Fall 2025 through Spring 2026:** This corps of fellows will integrate technology into classroom instruction, lead quarterly Family Code Nights, and facilitate tech clubs.

### CHALLENGE + CELEBRATE



**June 2026:** Using a Minecraft version of Buffalo that is custom built by Microsoft, students will battle for prizes during a massive competition that serves as a capstone to a year of learning.

### ACCELERATE THE LEARNING



**Summer 2026:** Top students showing a desire to learn more will be invited to summer bootcamps that allow them to grow their skills, deepen their interest and build community with other kids from varied backgrounds but shared interests.



APPLY  
TODAY!

### Become an Innovation Fellow

Fellows are eligible for a stipend of up to \$3,500.

Your stipend covers:

- Teacher training in tech & digital literacy
- Quarterly convenings for educators
- Family Code Nights to engage communities
- Tech Clubs for hands-on learning
- Global Build Challenge to showcase student innovation

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