Student Volunteer Internships
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Water
Washington, DC

Position Description

A limited number of unpaid semester-in-Washington internships are available in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water. Applicants must be registered students fulfilling the requirements of a degreed program. Preferred applicants are either undergraduates who are rising seniors or are pursuing a master's degree; rising juniors may also apply.

Candidates are being sought who are pursuing any of several fields of study, including but not limited to:

- Environmental Science: hydrology, aquatic biology, marine science, environmental engineering, geology, meteorology, soil science, etc.
- Economics, econometrics, hydrological modeling, data analysis, GIS, etc.
- Public health, toxicology, sanitation, environmental justice, etc.
- Public administration, finance, management, communications, etc.

Ideally, candidates would have a demonstrated interest and/or career goals in a water- or public-health related field, including sustainability and resilience. Desirable qualities include strong analytical, written and oral skills, able to work independently and on a team, and motivated to take initiative.

Interns will be tasked with projects commensurate with their interests and skills. The appointment will be for a minimum of 12 weeks, 30 hours per week. Participants will not receive a stipend, but a transit subsidy will be provided. Participant do not become EPA employees.

ABOUT THE EPA OFFICE OF WATER (OW)

The EPA Office of Water guides implementation of the U.S. National Water Program under statutory authorities such as the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. OW activities are targeted to prevent pollution and to reduce risk for people and aquatic ecosystems. OW's offices are as follows:

OST – Office of Science and Technology

OST's mission is to analyze and apply the latest scientific knowledge and technologies with states and tribes so that together we can ensure clean and safe water for all communities.

OGWDW – Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water

OGWDW, together with states, tribes, and our many partners, protects public health by ensuring safe drinking water and protecting ground water oversees implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

OWM – Office of Waste Water Management

Through its programs and initiatives, OWM supports the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act, by promoting effective and responsible water use, treatment, disposal and management and by encouraging the protection and restoration of watersheds.

OWOW – Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

OWOW uses sound science to:

- Understand and communicate the quality of the nation's waters
- Plan for and fund restoration of impaired waters and protection of high-quality waters
- Protect, restore and preserve the aquatic environment from pollution
- Manage and monitor ocean dumping
- Facilitate monitoring and assessment of waters and watersheds
- Apply a watershed approach that prioritizes action to address stressors affecting waters in a geographic area.

WPS – Water Policy Staff

The WPS provides analyses on policy issues that cut across program areas in the Office of Water (OW); coordinate the analysis of proposed changes to all relevant statutes; coordinate and comment on OW regulations to assure consistency.

How to Apply:

Application deadlines:

Fall Semester (August/September through November/December June 15

Spring Semester (January through April) November 15

Summer Semester (May/June through August/September) March 15

Email a statement of interest, a short writing sample (maximum 5 pages), and resume to: bryant.samuel@epa.gov. In the subject line, please reference Student Internship; your Major, if you have a preference, indicate an OW office that you would like to work in, and the semester that you would like to start your internship.

For example, **Student Internship-Biology-OST-Fall**