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Department of Interior Internship For Graduate Students 2026

Description

As a DOI graduate intern, you'll be placed in a specific program area based on your interests and qualifications. You'll collaborate with dedicated professionals on projects related to:

- **Land Management:** Assist with conservation efforts, wildlife management, fire management, and recreation on public lands.
- **Water Resources:** Support water management, dam operations, drought mitigation, and water quality initiatives.
- **Energy & Minerals:** Analyze energy development proposals, participate in mineral resource management, and ensure environmental compliance.
- **Cultural Resources:** Contribute to the preservation and protection of historical sites, sacred lands, and cultural artifacts.
- **Policy & Regulation:** Help develop and analyze policies, conduct research, and engage with stakeholders on critical issues.

Responsibilities

- Assist with assigned projects under the guidance of experienced mentors.
- Conduct research, collect data, and prepare reports relevant to your program area.
- Participate in meetings, workshops, and field trips.
- Contribute to maintaining a professional and collaborative work environment.
- Specific tasks will vary depending on the chosen program and location.

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in a **graduate program** in environmental science, public policy, engineering, natural resources, social sciences, or related field.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 required.
- Strong communication, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, with additional software skills preferred depending on the program.
- U.S. citizenship or valid work authorization required.

Experience

- Prior internship or relevant work experience preferred, but not required.
- Experience in your field of study or a related field is a plus.
- Strong academic performance demonstrates your ability to excel in the internship.

Skills

Hiring organization

Department of Interior

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

6 Months

Industry

Government Administration

Job Location

Washington, D.C., United States,
20001, Washington, D.C., United States

Working Hours

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Base Salary

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Date posted

February 23, 2026

Valid through

26.02.2027

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to manage time effectively and meet deadlines.
- Strong research and data analysis skills.
- Teamwork and collaboration skills.
- Adaptability and willingness to learn new technologies and processes.
- Cultural competency and understanding of environmental stewardship principles are advantageous.

Job Benefits

- Gain valuable hands-on experience in your chosen field within the Department of the Interior.
- Network with industry professionals and government officials.
- Build your resume and enhance your future job prospects.
- Earn a competitive hourly wage and potential relocation assistance (depending on program).
- Make a real impact on the environment, natural resources, and communities across the nation.

How To Apply

- Search for “Graduate Internship” opportunities and filter by location and program area of interest within the Department of the Interior.
- Create a profile and apply to the positions that match your qualifications.
- Submit your resume, cover letter, transcripts, and any other required documents.
- We encourage applications from diverse students with varied backgrounds and experiences.
- The Department of the Interior is an equal opportunity employer.
- Applications open and close at different times throughout the year. Check specific internship postings for deadlines.