

**Internship Program Opportunity
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Water
Washington, D.C.**

Project # EPA Water 2009-143

Capacity Building Team Support

A postgraduate internship opportunity is available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Water in Washington, DC. The internship will be served in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds (OWOW) in the Nonpoint Source Control Branch, primarily with the OWOW-wide Capacity Building Team.

Project Description: OWOW promotes a watershed approach to manage, protect, and restore the water resources and aquatic ecosystems of our marine and fresh waters. This strategy is based on the premise that water quality and ecosystem problems are best solved at the watershed level and that local citizens play an integral role in achieving clean water goals. To learn more about OWOW, download this office's 2008 annual report at www.epa.gov/owow/pdf/owowannualreport08.pdf.

OWOW's Capacity Building Team is a new team designed to support community watershed efforts and charged with:

- targeting how OWOW delivers its messages, trainings, and tools (e.g., webcasts) to watershed organizations and government partners at all levels;
- leveraging the impact and reach of third-party providers (such as River Network, Center for Watershed Protection and universities) to enhance support to local watershed organizations;
- gaining better external feedback on the effectiveness of OWOW's capacity building tools; and
- identifying new tools to further enhance capacity building.

OWOW is seeking a motivated individual who is interested in learning about the mission of its Capacity Building Team.

Specific Tasks: The intern will be mentored by an EPA staff member and will become part of an EPA team involved in

- Developing an inventory of existing OWOW capacity building tools and training, including new tools currently in development by the divisions; and
- Assessing the capacity building needs of watershed groups and government agencies, and offering recommendations on additional tools and training to further enhance capacity building.

Subsequent activities in which the team may be involved include:

- Developing and helping to implement a plan to reach out to third-party providers to enhance and align their support for local watershed efforts.

- Developing and helping to implement a strategy to promote and deliver existing capacity building tools and training to local watershed groups.
- Developing methods for evaluating the effectiveness of OWOW's capacity building support to local watershed groups.

Expected Results: The success of OWOW's efforts largely hinge on the success of non-regulatory programs and voluntary efforts; hence OWOW's strong desire to build this capacity to deliver environmental results. This exciting new team represents another opportunity for OWOW management and staff to again unite to meet the needs of our watershed customers and support restoration and protection efforts. The intern will gain an appreciation for the programs and activities overseen by this office and will have an important hand in optimizing the office's methods for delivering environmental results.

Intern Qualifications and Skills: The applicant should have received either a bachelor's or a master's degree in a relevant field within four years of the desired starting date. The applicant should possess excellent writing, oral and analytical skills and be creative and technology savvy. In addition, applicants must have experience with Microsoft Word and Excel, be comfortable with a wide variety of office computer applications and have the ability to use presentation graphics.

The program is open to all qualified individuals without regard to race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, or status as a Vietnam era or disabled veteran. U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent resident status is preferred (but can also hold an appropriate visa status, however, an H1B visa is not appropriate). The intern must show proof of health and medical insurance. **The intern does not become an EPA employee.**

Stipend and Length of Appointment: This appointment is for one year and may be renewed for up to two additional years depending on funding and the recommendation of EPA. A period shorter than twelve months may also be possible, but must be for at least six months. The annual stipend will range from \$42,000 to \$55,000 depending on educational level and experience. Housing, transportation and relocation costs will not be paid.

The EPA mentor for this project is Don Waye. He can be contacted at (202) 566-1170 or at waye.don@epa.gov.

The Internship Program for EPA Water is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). ***Please reference Project # EPA Water 2009-143 when calling or writing for information.*** For additional information and application material contact: Internship Program - EPA Water, Attn: Betty Bowling - MS 36, ORISE, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831 Phone: (865) 576-8503 Fax: (865) 241-5219 email: betty.bowling@ornl.gov.

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An application can be found at <http://www.ornl.gov/orise/edu/EPA/app-gugrgpd.pdf>.