DOE Internship Programs

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Portfolio of Programs

K-12 Programs
• Middle School Car competitions
• Colorado High School Science Bowl
• DOE National Science Bowl®
• Student Programs at the Education Center

Undergraduate Programs
• Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI)
• Community College Internships (CCI)
• Minority Educational Institution Student Partnership Program (MEISPP)
• EERE’s Robotics Internship

Teacher Programs
• Energy Institute for Teachers
• STEM Teacher and Researcher Program (STAR)
• Energy: A Multidisciplinary Approach for Teachers (EMAT)

Graduate Programs
• Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) Program

Faculty Programs
• Visiting Faculty Program (VFP)
Department of Energy National Laboratories

- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Idaho National Laboratory
- Ames Laboratory
- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- Argonne National Laboratory
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Sandia National Laboratories
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Brookhaven National Laboratory
- National Energy Technology Laboratory
- Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
- Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Savannah River National Laboratory

Legend:
- Red: National Nuclear Security Administration lab
- Green: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy lab
- Yellow: Office of Environmental Management lab
- Orange: Office of Fossil Energy lab
- Purple: Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology lab
- Triangle: Office of Science lab

Innovation for Our Energy Future
The Office of Science is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States and is working to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

For over 60 years the Department of Energy has supported the education and training of scientists, engineers, and technology specialists to maintain the scientific and technical workforce needed to address the Department’s and Nation’s complex challenges in energy, national security, the environment, and discovery science.

American Institute of Physics Style Guide

Quick Reference Guide
- Research Paper
- Poster
DOE and NREL Internship Goal

• What do we want: Encourage undergraduate and graduate students to pursue science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) careers, especially relevant to the DOE mission

• How do we do this: Provide research experience at DOE National Laboratories

• Who is involved: Under the direction of laboratory scientific and technical staff, who serve as research advisors and mentors.
What’s In It For The Interns?

- Networking
- Research
- Publications and Presentations
- Future Employment
- College Credit
- Stipend, Housing Allowance, Travel To and From Lab
- Life-Long Friendships
Internship Programs
Overview

The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program encourages undergraduate students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers by providing research. Selected students participate as interns appointed at one of 17 participating DOE laboratories/facilities. They perform research, under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists or engineers, on projects supporting the DOE mission. Fall and spring programs are 15 weeks. Summer program is 10 weeks.

For more info, see: https://science.energy.gov/wdts/suli/
Eligibility

• currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and have completed at least one year
• undergraduate cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
• Must be a United States Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident

See additional requirements: https://science.energy.gov/wdts/suli/eligibility/
# Key Dates for 2017 Internships

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The Community College Internship (CCI) program provides technical training experiences for community college students to enter technical careers relevant to the DOE mission.

There are two types of students that apply to the CCI program:

- Working on technologies or instrumentation projects or major research facilities supporting DOE’s mission
- Working to complete general coursework before transferring to a 4-year degree

For more info, see: https://science.energy.gov/wdts/ci
Options

• There is an option for a “flex-schedule” where the equivalent of 400 hours spent onsite at NREL can be spread over a 16-week duration term. DOE is offering this option of 10 weeks spread out over 16 weeks to accommodate class schedules or working schedules (January 16-May 5)

• Community college interns also have the option to work 40 hours for 10 weeks starting January 16

• For spring 2017, all of the community college interns have opted to work 25 hours per week for the entire 16-week appointment.

• DOE Office of Science is expanding the community college program to include appointments during the semester sessions.
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• The SCGSR research proposal is developed by the applying graduate student in collaboration with a NREL laboratory research scientist, and in consultation with the student’s primary graduate thesis advisor. The SCGSR research proposal includes the scope of thesis research proposed to be conducted at NREL

• Provides supplemental funds for Ph.D. candidates to conduct part of their thesis work with an NREL lab scientist
  • $3,000 Monthly stipend
  • $2,000 for Travel to and from the lab

• Goal is to prepare graduate students for careers in STEM critically important to the DOE Office of Science mission

• Award period between 3-12 consecutive months

• Office of Science has 2 solicitations each year

http://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr
Eligibility

• Ph.D. Candidate whose thesis aligns with the Office of Science Research areas:
  • Basic Energy Sciences (BES)
  • Biological and Environmental Research (BER)
  • Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR)

Research Project

• Collaborate with an NREL scientist to design a joint research project that is mutually beneficial for student and researcher

Deliverables

• Submit an end-of-award report
• For research awards greater than 6 months in duration, a mid-term progress report will be required in addition to the end-of-award report.
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