Postgraduate Internship Program Opportunity
NPDES Permits & TMDL Program
Water Quality Protection Division
Region 6
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Dallas, TX

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Project Description:
A postgraduate internship project is available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Region 6 Water Quality Protection Division (WQPD) in Dallas, Texas. The internship will be served with the National Permit Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Branch. EPA partners with authorized states to develop, support, and manage the NPDES and the TMDL programs in the Region to protect and restore the environmental health of the nation’s waters.

The NPDES permitting program is the principal mechanism under the Clean Water Act for regulating the discharge of pollutants by point sources to the nation’s waterways. A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still safely meet water quality standards.

The intern could be involved in the following EPA team activities:
- Obtaining data needs to support Clean Water Act permitting
- Researching and analyzing the development and review of TMDLs and NPDES Permits
- Updating program material

Qualifications:
Applicants should have received a master’s degree in environmental science, environmental engineering, civil engineering or a related field within five years of the desired starting date, or completion of all requirements for the degree should be expected prior to the starting date. Applicants should have an interest in the area of water pollution control, water quality restoration and wastewater management.

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 appointment is for one year and may be renewed upon recommendation of EPA and subject to availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend. Housing, transportation, or relocation costs will not be paid by EPA. The intern must show proof of medical insurance. The intern does not become an EPA employee.

How to Apply:
The Internship Program for EPA Region 6 is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). Please reference Project # EPA REG 6-WQPD 2011-03 when calling or writing for information. For additional information and application material contact:
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An application can be found at http://www.orau.gov/partform/EPA/EPA_Application.pdf.