AGENCY: U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
Policy Analysis and Regulatory Management
Washington, DC

Project #: EPA OSWER/PARM 2012-02
Policy Analysis Research Project

Project Description:
A postgraduate research project is available with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). This internship will be served with the Policy Analysis and Regulatory Management (PARM) Policy Team.

EPA’s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) provides policy, guidance, and direction for the EPA’s emergency response and waste programs. OSWER develops guidelines for the land disposal of hazardous waste and underground storage tanks and provides technical assistance to all levels of government to establish safe practices in waste management.

OSWER also administers the Brownfields program, which supports state and local governments in redeveloping and reusing potentially contaminated sites and manages the Superfund program that responds to abandoned and active hazardous waste sites and accidental oil and chemical releases. Finally, OSWER encourages innovative technologies to address contaminated soil and groundwater.

The research participant could be involved in a variety of PARMS Policy Team scientific activities.

Monitoring the development of science policies and guidance with respect to environmental justice and the protection of susceptible populations; Streamlining regulatory reporting and research on existing and innovative technologies, including monitoring systems for detecting releases of hazardous chemicals into the environment (land, air, water / groundwater); and, Developing policies and guidance for OSWER’s waste management and cleanup programs.

The research participant may have the opportunity to be involved in intra-agency groups where scientific research, issues, and analyses are identified and evaluated. Through this internship, the participant will also have the opportunity to learn about the many environmental and administrative statutes and Executive Orders, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Oil Pollution Act.

Qualifications:
Applicants should have received a bachelor's or master's degree in environmental science, environmental engineering, civil engineering, chemistry, toxicology, biology 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 environmental pollution prevention and cleanup; waste management; and, cumulative risk and susceptibility factors related to environmental justice.

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.

The appointment is for one year and may be renewed upon recommendation of EPA contingent on 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 OSWER is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). Please reference Project # EPA OSWER/PARM 2012-02 when calling or writing for information. For additional information and application material contact:
Internship Program
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An application can be found at Internship Application.

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