

Opportunity Title: Reducing Mercury Exposures from Artisanal Gold Shops

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Organization U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

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How to Apply A complete application must include the following to be considered:

- Completion of all required fields in the application
- Undergraduate transcripts
- One Recommendation (minimum)

If you have questions, send an email to Elizabeth Nelson at Elizabeth.Nelson@ornl.gov. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

Application Deadline 3/16/2016 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description The Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program (MSIPP) Internships is a new program to promote the education and development of the next generation workforce in critical science, engineering, technology, and math (STEM) related disciplines that complement current and future missions of DOE national laboratories. The MSIPP Internship program is designed to provide an enhanced training environment for next generation scientists and engineers by exposing them to research challenges unique to our industry.

MSIPP Interns will be given the opportunity to complete Summer Internships aligned with ongoing U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM) research under the direction of a host national laboratory. The internship will be performed at the host national laboratory, utilizing their facilities and equipment under the guidance of a research staff member.

Minority Serving Institutions are institutions of higher education enrolling populations with significant percentages of undergraduate minority students.

This research project will focus on the search of scientific and engineering literature for information about best practices for reducing mercury releases to air during the processing of gold from artisanal and small-scale gold mining (conducted in >55 countries, producing ~20% of gold supply) – with an emphasis on mercury capture devices for gold shops (piloted in Brazil and Peru); help develop fact sheets to inform gold shop workers and the community, including ways to maintain the devices, to help reduce exposures and improve health.

Qualifications The successful candidate should have a familiarity with environmental science, technology, and/or engineering concepts -- such as environmental chemistry (geochemistry, atmospheric




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chemistry); or biochemistry/human health and risk assessment; or technology concepts for reducing contaminant concentrations in air, water, or soil; or sensing technology (e.g., used in mobile devices to monitor environmental/health conditions). The ability to pursue, critically review, and synthesize information; strong data integration and writing skills; familiarity with biology/biochemistry, human health, environmental chemistry, environmental engineering would be a plus.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited Minority Serving Institution *see criteria for Minority Serving Institutions here <http://srnl.doe.gov/msipp/internships.htm>
2. Be working towards a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) degree
3. Have an undergraduate cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
4. Be a United States citizen
5. Pass a drug test upon selection to participate in the MSIPP
*The process and timing for drug testing varies from lab to lab. Use of Marijuana/Cannabis or its derivatives if prescribed is legal in some states. However, having these drugs in your system is NOT legal at United States Federal Contractor sites and National Laboratories.
6. Reference must be received by March 6, 2016 at 11:59 PM ET

For more information about The Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program (MSIPP) Internships, please visit <http://srnl.doe.gov/msipp/internships.htm>

To see all MSIPP position postings visit:
www.orise.orau.gov/MSIPP

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree.
- **Overall GPA:** 3.00
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (12 )
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (16 )
 - **Earth and Geosciences** (21 )
 - **Engineering** (27 )
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (14 )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (45 )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** (10 )
 - **Physics** (16 )
 - **Science & Engineering-related** (1 )

Affirmation I certify that I am pursuing or have completed coursework towards a degree in science, technology, engineering,

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mathematics, or a related field.