

**Opportunity Title:** EPA Research and Analysis on Issues Related to National Water Programs Fellowship

**Opportunity Reference Code:** EPA-OW-OWOW-2023-05A

**Organization** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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**How to Apply** **Connect with ORISE...on the GO!** Download the new ORISE GO mobile app in the Apple or Google Play Store to help you stay engaged, connected, and informed during your ORISE experience and beyond!

A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcript(s) – For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. All transcripts must be in English or include an official English translation. Click [here](#) for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Two educational or professional recommendations. Click [here](#) for detailed information about recommendations.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

**Application Deadline** 10/13/2023 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** **\*Applications may be reviewed on a rolling-basis and this posting could close before the deadline.** Click [here](#) for information about the selection process.

**EPA Office/Lab and Location:** Research opportunities are currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Water (OW), Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (OWOW) located in Washington, DC. One focus may be on research activities related to the National Estuary Program (NEP) and the other may focus on research activities related to the Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) and the Trash Free Waters (TFW) program.

**Research Project:** Project research will aim to address substantive issues that impact one or more of the partnership programs: the Trash Free Waters Program (TFW) the Urban Waters Program (UW), and the National Estuary Program (NEP). Specific research topics will focus on the use of collaborative partnership approaches to achieve EPA's clean water goals, with a particular emphasis on the integration of partnership and other EPA programs to improve water quality and ecosystem health, ensure water equity among all communities, and address major water resource management challenges in specific geographic locations across the U.S.

**Learning Objectives:** Research and analysis will focus on technical, policy, communications, and measurement issues related to these programs. For example, in 2023 the Partnership Programs Branch will continue prioritizing environmental justice and climate-related topics that are particularly significant in underserved communities across the U.S. In support of these goals, the ORISE research participant will learn how PPB programs have implemented climate and equity objectives in workplans, projects and how effectively targets are being achieved.



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The ORISE participants may also learn how to research grants and other funding sources, technical assistance and other successful programs to develop strategies in support of work conducted by place-based partners and other important stakeholders. Other learning activities may include research in support of online training webinars and newsletters, and/or exploring Clean Water Act authorities that can be used to help address programmatic issue areas.

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** **Fall 2023.** All start dates are flexible and vary depending on numerous factors. Click [here](#) for detailed information about start dates.

**Mentor:** The mentors for this opportunity are Robin Parker ([parker.robin@epa.gov](mailto:parker.robin@epa.gov)) and Jeanine Finley ([finley.jeanine@epa.gov](mailto:finley.jeanine@epa.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research, please contact the mentor(s).

**Appointment Length:** The appointment initially may be for one year and may be renewed upon EPA recommendation and subject to availability of funding.

**Level of Participation:** The appointment is full-time.

**Participant Stipend:** The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. **The current stipend rates for this opportunity are \$64,950 (MS) and \$78,950 (Ph.D.) per year.**

**EPA Security Clearance:** Completion of a successful background investigation by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required for an applicant to be on-boarded at EPA.

**ORISE Information:** This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and EPA. Participants do not become employees of EPA, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

ORISE offers all ORISE EPA graduate students and Postdocs a free 5-year membership to the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA).







The successful applicant(s) will be required to comply with Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) requirements of the hosting facility, including but not limited to, COVID-19 requirements (e.g., facial covering, physical distancing, testing, vaccination).

**Questions:** Please see the [FAQ section](#) of our website. After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process, please email [ORISE.EPA.OW@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.EPA.OW@orau.org) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

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**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should have received a master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields or be currently pursuing one of the degrees with completion before the appointment start date. Degree must have been received within the past five years.

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
  - **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([2](#) )
    - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#) )
    - **Engineering** ([4](#) )
    - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#) )
    - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([7](#) )
    - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([27](#) )