

Opportunity Title: EPA Advancing Community Engagement

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Organization U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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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

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

Application Deadline 11/24/2023 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.

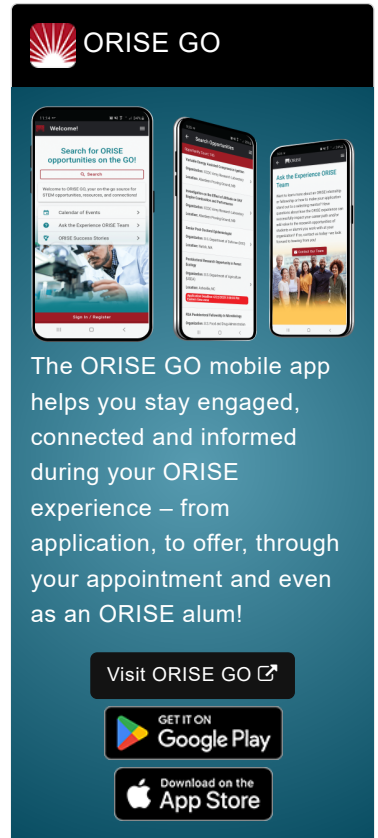
EPA Office/Lab and Location: A research training opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM), Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) located in Washington, DC.

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment. One or more full-time paid opportunities are available with the EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) in Washington, DC. ORCR works with state, tribal and regional partners to implement the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Our mission is to protect human health and the environment by ensuring responsible management of hazardous and nonhazardous waste. ORCR's goals are to conserve resources by reducing waste, prevent future waste disposal problems through regulations, and clean up areas where waste may have spilled, leaked, or been improperly disposed.

Research Project: This project seeks to advance research on public participation considerations across all divisions in the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery. It includes interacting with Tribal communities; communities near hazardous waste transfer, storage, and disposal facilities; and other fence line communities with concerns about pollution, waste management, and seeking meaningful involvement in RCRA decision-making processes.





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The participant will engage in experiential learning while performing hands on research and analysis that supports ORCR efforts to strengthen community engagement and public participation. The participant will contribute to the Community Engagement and Technical Assistance (CETA) Program and monitoring project efforts and milestones for a community-driven project, supporting initiatives that promote cooperative federalism and cross-agency partnerships.

The opportunity will also include research and engagement to support development of new initiatives and guidance that help ORCR programs view their work through the *Powering the Great American Comeback* lens. Additionally, the participant will lead ORCR's Community Connections work, provide support for a Good Governance project, develop key approaches to effective public involvement in RCRA, and provide support for the Tribal Peer Match program. The participant will also research Tribal nations open dump concerns and develop clean-up cost estimates.

Learning Objectives: Benefits of this opportunity will include enhancing research and analysis skills, communication skills, and teamwork skills. The appointment presents opportunities to engage in critical thinking and problem solving and presenting results of research directly to senior leadership in the agency.

Mentor(s): The mentors for questions about this opportunity are Toshia King (king.toshia@epa.gov) and Caroline Klos (klos.caroline@epa.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s) directly.

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.

Appointment Length: The appointment initially may be for one year and may be renewed up to three additional years 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 monthly stipend for this opportunity is ~\$5,413.08 (MS).** Click [here](#) for detailed information about full-time stipends.

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

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there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

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.REG@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should have received a master's degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within the past five years.

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- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen
 - **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 10/31/2023 11:59:00 PM.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([2](#))
 - **Earth and Geosciences** ([2](#))
 - **Engineering** ([3](#))
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([6](#))
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([9](#))
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([7](#))
 - **Veteran Status:** Veterans Preference, degree received within the last 120 month(s).