

Opportunity Title: High School Student 2026 STEM Summer Intern Program at

Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory

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Organization U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

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How to Apply *Click on APPLY now to start your application.*

Description The U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) (est. February 1, 1961) solves interdisciplinary, strategically important problems for the Corps of Engineers, Army, Department of Defense, and the Nation. CRREL discovers, develops, and delivers advanced and applied science and engineering to complex environments, materials, and processes in all seasons and climates. Within the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, CRREL is a national resource focused on solving specific, customer-driven problems and conducting innovative research in five program areas - Civil Works - Engineered Resilient Systems - Environmental Quality & Installations - Geospatial Research & Engineering - Military Engineering.

What will I be doing?

Under the guidance of a mentor, you will research alongside CRREL staff and primary researchers, and you will gain hands-on experience in a real-world laboratory environment. In addition, you will be exposed to modern research technologies and techniques. This experience will also focus on personal career development in the areas of STEM, providing opportunities to collaborate and network with other students, postgraduates, and researchers across all STEM disciplines.

Why should I apply?

This fellowship provides the opportunity to independently utilize your skills and engage with experts in innovative ideas to move the proposed research forward. There are multiple opportunities available to engage in your applied research and evaluation interests.

Research areas include:

- Science and technology for national security
- Unique, multidisciplinary expertise related to the Earth's cold regions
- Biogeochemical Sciences
- Force Projection and Sustainment
- Remote Sensing/Geographic Information Systems Center of Expertise
 - U.S. Ice Jam Database
 - U.S. National Levee Database
- Signature Physics
- Terrestrial and Cryospheric Sciences

Where will I be located? Hanover, NH

What is the anticipated start date?

ERDC-CRREL is ready to make appointments immediately. Exact start dates will be determined at the time of selection and in coordination with the selected candidates. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis and fellowships will be filled as qualified candidates are identified.

What is the appointment length?

This ORISE appointment is a 2026 summer research appointment. Appointments may be extended

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depending on funding availability, project assignment, program rules, and availability of the participant.

What are the provisions?

You will receive a stipend to be determined by ERDC-CRREL. Stipends are typically based on the participant's academic standing, discipline, experience, and research facility location. Other provisions may include the following:

- Relocation Allowance
- Training and Travel Allowance

About ORISE

This program, administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (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 DoD. Participants do not enter into an employee/employer relationship with ORISE, ORAU, DoD or any other office or agency. Instead, you will be affiliated with ORISE for the administration of the appointment through the ORISE appointment letter and Terms of Appointment. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE. For more information, visit the [ORISE Research Participation Program at the U.S. Department of Defense](#)

Qualifications This research opportunity is open to rising Junior and Senior high school students who are interested on hands-on experience in a real-world laboratory environment. Those candidates who expect to receive a high-school diploma/GED by May 31, 2026, are also eligible to apply. The focus is on personal career development in the areas of STEM, providing opportunities to collaborate and network with other students and researchers across all STEM disciplines.

A complete application consists of:

- Zintellect Profile
- Educational and Employment History
- Essay Questions (goals, experiences, and skills relevant to the opportunity)
- Resume (PDF)
- Transcripts/Academic Records - Please upload a copy of a transcript for your current or most recent degree program that meets the disciplinary qualifications of the opportunity. [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts](#).
- One recommendation. We encourage you to contact your recommender(s) as soon as you start your application to ensure they are able to complete the recommendation form and to let them know to expect a message from Zintellect. Recommenders will be asked to rate your scientific capabilities, personal characteristics, and describe how they know you. You can always log back in to your Zintellect account and check the status of your application.

Submitted documents must have all social security numbers, student

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identification numbers, and/or dates of birth removed (blanked out, blackened out, made illegible, etc.) prior to uploading into the application system. All documents must be in English or include an official English translation. If you have questions, send an email to usace@orise.orau.gov. Please list the reference code of this opportunity in the subject line of the email. Please understand that ORISE does not review applications or select applicants; selections are made by the sponsoring agency identified on this opportunity. All application materials should be submitted via the "Apply" button at the bottom of this opportunity listing. Please do not send application materials to the email address above.

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Point of Contact [Debbie](#)

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Only
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree: Currently pursuing a High School Diploma/GED to be received by 6/30/2028 11:59:00 PM.• Discipline(s):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Business (11 )◦ Chemistry and Materials Sciences (12 )◦ Communications and Graphics Design (6 )◦ Computer, Information, and Data Sciences (17 )◦ Earth and Geosciences (21 )◦ Engineering (29 )◦ Environmental and Marine Sciences (14 )◦ Life Health and Medical Sciences (51 )◦ Mathematics and Statistics (11 )◦ Other Non-Science & Engineering (13 )◦ Physics (16 )◦ Science & Engineering-related (2 )◦ Social and Behavioral Sciences (30 )• Age: Must be 16 years of age