

Opportunity Title: Advanced Modeling of Contaminant Fate and Transport in Soil and Groundwater

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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 and successful application submission
- Undergraduate or graduate transcripts as appropriate
- Two recommendations

If you have questions, send an email to Kerri Fomby at kerri.fomby@orau.org. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

For technical questions, please contact Vivian Cato at vivian.cato@srnl.doe.gov.

Application Deadline 1/12/2018 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.

Project: An internship in the environmental modeling group at the Savannah River National Laboratory will generally involve application of numerical simulation tools to model flow and contaminant transport phenomena in support of US Department of Energy Performance Assessments of radionuclide waste disposal and site environmental remediation projects. The intern will typically modify existing and/or develop new models of rainfall infiltration, groundwater flow, vadose zone flow, and/or transport of radionuclides and other inorganic and organic chemicals through waste forms, engineered caps and barriers, and/or environmental media (air, groundwater, soil). Model simulations may be performed to provide best-estimate forecasts of waste disposal or environmental treatment performance, determine model sensitivity to input parameters, and/or quantify uncertainty in model predictions. Insights and results gained



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from modeling tools will be documented in one or more technical reports and posters.

The project(s) for this internship will involve use of one or more of the following simulation tools: GoldSim Monte Carlo Simulation Software, HELP (Hydrologic Evaluation of Landfill Performance) model for predicting infiltration through waste disposal closure caps, OLI Systems aqueous electrolyte chemical equilibrium modeling software, and The Geochemist's Workbench fate and transport modeling software.

Location: This internship will be located at Savannah River National Lab.

Salary: Selected candidate will be compensated by either a stipend or salary, and may include one round trip domestic travel to and from the host laboratory. Stipends and salaries will be commensurate with cost of living at the location of the host laboratory. Housing information will be provided to interns prior to arrival at the host laboratory, and will vary from lab to lab.

Application Deadline: January 12, 2018

Expected Start Date: The program is 10 weeks in duration, starting May 21, 2018. Start date is flexible based on laboratory and candidate availability.

Qualifications Eligible applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States,
- Be at least 18 years of age,
- Currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited Minority Serving Institution, <http://orise.ornl.gov/msipp/documents/approved-msi-school-list.pdf>,
- Working toward a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) degree,
- Have an undergraduate or graduate cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and
- 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.

Required Knowledge, Skills, Work Experience, and Education

Successful candidates will:

- Be a current undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in chemical or environmental engineering, environmental science, geochemistry, physics, or related field.

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Desired Knowledge, Skills, Work Experience, and Education

It is desirable for the candidate to have:

- Prefer strong background in fundamentals of chemical/environmental engineering (fluid flow, transport, mass transfer, thermodynamics, numerical simulation, etc.).
- Familiarity with uncertainty/error analysis, aqueous chemistry, and/or Python/FORTRAN programming experience.

- Eligibility Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
 - **Degree:** Currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree.
 - **Overall GPA:** 3.00
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#) 👁)
 - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#) 👁)
 - **Engineering** ([27](#) 👁)
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#) 👁)
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([45](#) 👁)
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([10](#) 👁)
 - **Physics** ([16](#) 👁)

Affirmation I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and a US citizen, and am currently enrolled as a student in a degree seeking undergraduate or graduate program in a STEM field at an accredited Minority Serving Institution (MSI).