

Opportunity Title: Multimodal Sensor Platform for Environmental Remediation (2 Internships)

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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 information, contact Sabrina Hoyle at sabrina.hoyle@pnnl.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: Development of a field-deployable, universal sensor platform to rapidly detect/quantify multiple chemically-diverse analytes from solution has significant impact in environmental monitoring. Toward this goal, the overall objective of the proposed work is to utilize multimodal analytical approach to develop a single integrated sensor platform for in-situ monitoring of multiple analytes that are relevant to DOE-EM. The primary focus of the proposed work is the detection of contaminant analytes from ground water samples (representative examples being but not limited to CCl₄, TcO₄⁻ and NO₃⁻). The choice of the target analyte will be based on (a) their relevance to Hanford, WA as well as in DOE-EM mission space and (b) being diverse enough that demonstrating their simultaneous detection on one platform would show that the approach/platform can be extended to other analytes as well. The overall objective of this project is to



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(a) effective design of sensors for the target analytes, (b) integration of multiple analyte-detection on a single platform, and (c) demonstrate their detection under multicomponent field-relevant conditions.

Location: This internship will be located at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

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.orau.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 students pursuing a degree in chemistry, or related field.

Desired Knowledge, Skills, Work Experience, and Education

It is desirable for the candidate to have:

- Basic computer skill including familiarity with Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Some experience working at a chemistry laboratory is desirable.

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- Eligibility**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- Requirements**
- **Degree:** Currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree.
 - **Overall GPA:** 3.00
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#)👁)

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).