

collect, or analyze data which will be used to expand scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. An example of an acceptable project would be to have the intern conduct an analysis of several communities using existing data from available databases and geographical information systems to determine demographics of the populations; numbers of facilities in the determined study area; types of emissions; quantities of specific chemicals; and other relevant data. The findings would be reported by the intern to his/her project advisor.

This program will start on or about June 17, 2003, for one year and may be renewed for two additional years.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service or date stamped by commercial courier service on or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, April 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application including all information required by the application kit.

By U.S. Postal Service: Linda K. Smith, EPA Intern Program, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code—2201A, Washington, DC 20460.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Environmental Professional Intern Program (Intern Program) is designed to provide undergraduate and graduate students from accredited universities and colleges with opportunities for environmental training experiences at EPA and other venues in which the student intern can receive a meaningful learning experience. The Intern Program will be managed by the Office of Environmental Justice. EPA managers at Headquarters, Regional Offices, and Laboratories will develop and sponsor new training or research projects that will further the student interns' understanding of environmental protection and health-related issues and abatement techniques. The projects are sufficiently narrow in scope to allow the

student to complete the project in a 3–6 month period by working full-time during the summer and/or part-time during the school year. Students selected to receive an internship are awarded a stipend based on their level of education and length of the project period.

The EPA is expanding its institutional commitment to environmental stewardship and health protection. The Agency has identified several areas in which student interns would benefit by practical, on-the-job research-type training experiences. These areas include but are not limited to:

- Environmental Policy, Regulation, & Law—Training in this area includes participation in the research to develop background to review and evaluate existing policies and regulations, as well as to develop new policies.

- Environmental Management & Administration—This area focuses on the use of research techniques in how to implement and improve management goals or how to develop cooperative environmental management strategies.

- Environmental Science—This area focuses on the conduct of field studies and laboratory research.

- Public Relations and Communications—This broad category provides the intern with the opportunity to receive training in researching how public opinion affects environmental issues. The conduct of Internet surveys, developing tools for presentations, and presenting the findings in pamphlets to inform the public about environmental protection could be part of a training opportunity.

- Computer Programming and Development—The intern could research methods and develop computer programs for reaching different stakeholders.

A primary objective of the Intern Program is to support active stewardship of the environment, protection of the public health, and to sustain communities. The transfer of the EPA's technologies, techniques, and methods to the next generation of environmental professionals is to both increase their capability and to increase their diversity. This Intern Program offers unique opportunities to develop skills that can be transferred to interns through the establishment of this Internship Program. The award of this cooperative agreement will promote these objectives. All projects awarded under this agreement must relate to the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effects on and risks to human health from hazardous substances and the detection of hazardous substances in the environment. The Internships awarded

under this agreement must be of a research nature, *i.e.*, survey, research, collecting and analyzing data which will be used to expand scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. The statutes under which the U.S. EPA will conduct this Intern Program include:

1. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; Section 311: CERCLA, Section 311(c) authorizes the EPA to fund research grants.

2. Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3): Conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.

3. Safe Drinking Water Act, Sections 1442(b)(3): Develop, expand, or carry out a program (that may combine training, education, and employment) for occupations relating to the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water.

4. Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a): Conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, public education programs, and studies relating to solid waste management and hazardous waste management.

5. Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3): Conduct and promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies related to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.

6. Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a): Conduct research, development, and monitoring activities on toxic substances.

7. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(a): Conduct research on pesticides.

8. Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203: Conduct research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the minimizing or ending of ocean dumping of hazardous materials and the development of alternatives to ocean dumping.

B. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

This EPA Intern Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance as No. 66.607 Training and Fellowships for the Environmental Protection Agency.