



# R&D Student Contractors

## What are Student Services Contracts?

- **Students** (Individuals, at least 18 years old, and enrolled in a degree program at a recognized educational institution) or **Recent Graduates** (As above but who graduated with a degree from a college or university within the last 24 months) qualify.
- Student Contractors may work with Federal employees and serve as members of Federal research teams. A Mentor (e.g., EPA Scientist) may work side-by-side with Student Contractors to provide day-to-day direction and oversight.
- **Contracts are written for up to 12 months** (1,928 hours) with an option for an **additional 12 months**.
- **These contracts are flexible:** The contracts can be placed directly with the students or issued to universities to supply the students.
- **Documentation** is relatively **easy to complete** and contracts are **easily amended** (e.g., to change the scope of work).
- A contract **Statement of Work** may be **broadly written** and may **directly support the mission** of the EPA's R&D Laboratory/Center/Office.

For more information on R&D student contracts and a listing of current job openings, visit EPA's website at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/ord/orma/ssa-jobs.htm>

It is wonderful to have an opportunity to work with the people and equipment that are leading the way in environmental control and detection methods.  
 - Student Contractor. Jared Novak

## Scientific / Professional Benefits:

- "Real-world" laboratory experience
- Access to cutting-edge equipment and supplies to complete experimentation/studies
- Scientific mentors and teams providing technical advice
- Ability to explore and gain greater access to scientific careers in various fields
- Competitive salary based on training and experience
- Travel in support of the EPA's scientific initiatives

**Academic Incentives:**

- Specialized research within your field of work/study
- Professional mentors complementing student's academic studies
- Contacts with fellow scientists in various technical fields
- Professional training and potential career opportunities in numerous fields
- Flexible scheduling with emphasis on your academic degree
- Academic credit (where applicable)



**Purpose:** Provide opportunities for students to gain scientific experience with EPA mentors & develop diverse applicant pool of scientific support candidates.

**Approach:** Personal Services Contracts

**Status:** Continuing program expansion and awareness throughout R&D via intranet/internet information access

"I have gained very extensive laboratory experience, with concepts such as basic techniques and safety, as well as instrumentation and specific assays of samples." –Student Contractor, Jessica Rivord

