



Student Ambassador
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INP-SMS: Integrated Nuclear Planning - SMS

What motivated you to work at LANL?

LANL's appeal to me has always been in its environment. Working at LANL is a great opportunity to advance your education through peer learning and extensive teamwork. This, in addition to working closely with a mentor, provides students the chance to get real-world experience while being helped along their professional career paths.

How many summers/years have you spent as a LANL intern?

I have spent five summers working at LANL. My first three years were spent working in the Community Programs Office where I developed skills for my minor, and I now work in Integrated Nuclear Planning where I am involved in engineering project management.

Describe in a short paragraph the type of work do at LANL?

During my previous summer in the Integrated Nuclear Planning (INP) Office, I worked closely with the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Project. This work included construction site inspections, procurement for special facility equipment and research on seismic testing of gloveboxes to be placed in new facilities. This summer I have been assisting on researching and implementing a software program that will help manage space, leases and moves throughout LANL's Technical Areas. I have also been tasked in drafting content on INP projects to be published on the INP Web site.

What do you enjoy most about working at LANL?

I enjoy the opportunity to work in a team that includes experts in my educational field as well as other who help in broadening my learning experiences and knowledge. I also enjoy the opportunity to work closely with my mentor as he has an education background compatible to mine and an extensive career in the field of engineering.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

I would advise incoming students to begin to familiarize themselves with professionals in their field within the lab, so that once they have begun working, they will be able to jump into the education experience that comes with working on a team with professionals in their education field.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I have many hobbies and interests. Growing up in Northern New Mexico has helped in forming my love for the outdoors. I enjoy all outdoor activities and having the opportunity to spend time with the people I am closest to.