

STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TOXICOLOGIST TRAINEE

Everyday is Earth Day at EPA! Working at EPA is more than just a career—it's serving your country by helping to protect human health and promote a cleaner, healthier environment.

Are you interested in exploring a career with the EPA and the Federal Government but don't know how to navigate the red tape? Participating in the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) at EPA can give you the edge you need to get your foot in the door. SCEP provides students with paid part-time, semester-length, seasonal, or summer trainee employment in a position complimenting their academic studies. Upon successful completion of at least 640 hours of work and receipt of their degree, participants receive non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the Federal service for the type of position they trained for. Positions are available in the following program offices:

Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances: OPPTS regulates pesticides and industrial chemicals to ensure protection of public health and the environment, as well as assessing their risks and promoting innovative programs to prevent pollution.

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: OECA enforces US environmental laws while inspiring the regulated community to pursue pollution prevention.

Toxicologist trainees work for the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) in Denver, CO, EPA's environmental forensic enforcement laboratory, or at Headquarters in Washington, DC. NEIC positions provide laboratory biochemical/biophysical analysis of samples taken to support emerging forensic methodologies for EPA and state environmental enforcement cases, involving highly technical analysis, knowledge of toxicological principles, and knowledge of modern biochemical and/or biophysical instrumentation, and conducting literature research and analyses in support of high-profile case work in forensic toxicology. Washington, DC positions provide toxicological analysis to support pesticide registration and evaluating toxic chemical risks, including reviewing data, testing protocols, and related information submitted by registrants and doing literature searches and modeling to assess risks of new industrial chemicals and pesticides. **Only majors related to toxicology, such as toxicology, biochemistry, biophysics, physiology and pharmacology are eligible. Graduate students only.**

Specific Job Information:

Locations: Washington, DC and Denver, CO.
Salary: Federal Government GS-7 (\$18.87/hr-Denver; \$18.85/hr-DC -- master's candidate) OR GS-9 (\$23.08/hr – Denver; \$23.05/hr –DC – PhD candidate)
Schedule: **Flexible, depending on student's needs. Positions are available at any time during the year.**

Position Benefits:

- Benefits include annual and sick leave, transit subsidy, health, life and long term care insurance, and retirement.
- Students gain on-the-job training and experience and preview a career choice
- Upon graduation and successful completion of the work requirement, students gain non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the Federal service in the target position.

Qualifications Required:

- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled at least half-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college or university
- At least a 2.95 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Recommended by university faculty
- Basic background investigation

For more information, go to: www.epa.gov/compliance/about/employment/specialprograms/studentcareexperience.html

How to Apply: Provide resume, cover letter, current official transcript, recommendation, and writing sample to:

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