

## Who we are:

The Department of Environment and Conservation exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment.

We foster a work environment that's inclusive as well as diverse, where our people can be themselves. Every idea and perspective are valued so that our culture reflects the people we serve.

Our Department is committed to providing a cleaner, safer environment that goes hand-in-hand with economic prosperity and increased quality of life in Tennessee. We deliver on our mission through managing regulatory programs that maintain standards for air, water and soil quality while providing assistance to businesses and communities in areas ranging from recreation to waste management. We manage the state park system and programs to inventory, interpret and protect Tennessee's rich natural, historical, and archaeological heritage.

## About the Division Remediation:

The Division of Remediation (DoR) identifies and investigates hazardous substance sites, then uses practical and effective remedies to correct issues found which minimizes threats to public health, safety, and the environment. DoR oversees work at National Priority List (NPL) Superfund sites, state inactive hazardous substance sites, brownfields, dry cleaners, and properties where methamphetamine was illegally manufactured. DoR operates the Voluntary Cleanup, Oversight and Assistance Program (VOAP) and supports the redevelopment and revitalization of brownfields to protect the environment, reuse existing infrastructure, minimize urban sprawl and create economic opportunities. The DoR Oak Ridge office focuses on the US Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). DoR concentrates on joint remedial decisions made with the DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



## **BOE Student Intern Division of Remediation Oak Ridge Office Compensation: \$20 per hour**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is excited to offer an outstanding opportunity for college students to complete an internship with the Division of Remediation in the Oak Ridge Office. Students can expect to gain an understanding of how our agency works to protect human health and the environment by regulating and providing oversight to clean-up efforts in Oak Ridge, TN.

Students will learn about State and Federal environmental remediation regulations and monitor various environmental media for impacts from contamination and clean-up. The internship may include a combination of fieldwork and/or office work, including literature review, laboratory sample processing, or data management and review. Fieldwork involves walking on unstable terrain, in various climatic conditions, and sometimes in flowing water of varying depths or velocities. Field work may result in encounters with typical environmental hazards (poison ivy, heat, biting insects, or snakes).

### **Highlighted Responsibilities:**

- Work directly with our technical team and Subject Matter Experts in the environmental regulatory career field.
- Collect environmental samples (e.g., in stream water quality samples, biological samples, public surveys).
- Literature and document review to research clean-up efforts on the Oak Ridge Reservation.
- Lab sample processing; data entry, review, and analysis; equipment calibrations.
- Accompany technical staff to regulatory meetings, when possible, to learn about environmental regulatory decision-making.

### **Qualifications:**

- Students earning a degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Health, Physical Science, Ecology, Life Sciences, Geology, or other acceptable science/natural resource related fields.
- Actively enrolled in college and have a Junior, Senior, or Graduate student status as of May 2024.
- Legally authorized to work in the United States.
- Have a valid driver's license.

### **How to Apply:**

To be considered for this position, please [Click Here to Apply](#) for internship opportunity.

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