California Water Boards

News Advisory

Water Boards Announce New Statewide Paid Internship Program

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The California State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards are pleased to announce the creation of a new Water Boards Internship Program. The program will begin with a cohort of nearly a dozen, paid student internship positions available to undergraduate and graduate students in locations throughout the state. Further information on the application process and positions can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board website. The initial deadline for applications is Feb. 8., and initial term of the position is 4 months.

The internships offer a unique opportunity for students of any age with a passion for complex water challenges in their communities to receive real-world, on-the-job training, and contribute to the Water Boards' mission to "*preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water, for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.*"

"It's because of the formative opportunities internships have provided me that I'm excited to see the Water Boards develop a focused program," said State Water Resources Control Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel. "Like many sectors, the water sector is facing a tidal change as retirements multiply and challenges filling critical positions grow. I see this program as a first step to greater engagement by the Boards in workforce development challenges sector wide.

"Although it's a benefit for us as an agency to have new bright minds at the Boards, the program is designed first and foremost to meet the needs of the students," Esquivel said. "The work at the Water Boards is diverse, demanding and crucial to so many Californians. With a successful initial cohort, I'm hopeful the program will continue to expand the number of paid opportunities in future years."

The program is using both social media tools, as well as established job posting and distribution networks and student employment hubs within community colleges, California State Universities and University of California locations statewide.

For more information, please visit the paid student intern page here. Deadline is Feb. 8. Please review the application information to ensure a complete package is submitted. **Good luck!**

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