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Students may apply to as many fellowships as desired. Separate, complete application packages must be submitted for each project. Official transcripts may be photocopied if a student is submitting more than one application package. The annual deadline for submitting applications for NNEMS fellowships is typically in February of each year. Please visit the NNEMS Web site at www.epa.gov/education/students.html for the official application deadline.

Evaluation and Selection of NNEMS Fellowships

NNEMS fellowships are awarded annually on the basis of EPA's request for applications. Every application submitted for a specific fellowship will be reviewed and evaluated by EPA based on specific criteria described in the NNEMS Catalog. Such evaluation criteria may include, but is not limited to, an evaluation of the following factors:

- Relevancy of the student's academic studies to the EPA fellowship
- Student's understanding of the proposed EPA fellowship subject matter
- Relevancy of work experience of the student as it relates to the EPA fellowship
- Leadership skills, written communication skills, and demonstrated success at working well in an office, laboratory, or field environment, as appropriate to the project
- Potential for success, as reflected by academic records, letters of reference, and other relevant information

Compensation

Recipients of NNEMS fellowships receive a stipend based on the student's level of education and the duration and location of the fellowship. EPA is not responsible for a student's travel expenses to and from the project site nor for the student's housing costs.

For Additional Information

Visit EPA's NNEMS Web site at:
www.epa.gov/education/students.html

You may also contact:

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Student Fellowship Program



In recognition of the growing interest in environmental issues and careers, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the National Network for Environmental Management Studies (NNEMS) Fellowship Program in 1986 to encourage students to pursue environmental careers. The NNEMS program is a comprehensive fellowship program that provides students an opportunity to participate in a fellowship project that is directly related to their field of study. The NNEMS program is sponsored by the Environmental Education Division in EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education.

Purpose

The purpose of the NNEMS program is to:

- Provide students with practical research opportunities and experiences in EPA's program and regional offices and in its laboratories
- Increase public awareness of and involvement in environmental issues
- Encourage qualified individuals to pursue environmental careers
- Help defray the costs associated with the pursuit of academic programs related to the field of environmental protection, such as pollution control, science, engineering, technology, social science, and specialty areas

Fellowships

Under the NNEMS program, a range of fellowship activities are offered to help students increase their knowledge of environmental issues while refining their professional skills. Each year, the NNEMS program offers approximately 30-40 fellowships, developed and sponsored by EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and in EPA's 10 regional offices and laboratories throughout the United States. The projects are specifically narrow in scope, allowing students to complete the fellowship while working full-time at EPA during the summer or part-time during the school year. Typically, the research is conducted at an EPA office or laboratory, although other arrangements can be made in certain circumstances.

Detailed descriptions of the fellowships are provided in the annual NNEMS Catalog. The catalog is available online at www.epa.gov/education/students.html. Copies of the catalog are also distributed electronically to NNEMS program coordinators at several hundred colleges, universities, and other educational institutions.

The research projects are organized among four key areas:

- Environmental Policy, Regulation, and Law
- Environmental Management and Administration
- Environmental Science
- Public Relations and Communications

Eligibility Requirements

A NNEMS fellowship is available to any associate, undergraduate, or advanced student who is:

- A citizen of the United States, its territories or possessions, or lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residency
- Enrolled for academic credit at an accredited educational institution*
- Pursuing an educational program directly related to pollution control or environmental protection for the duration of the fellowship

Applicants must meet each of the requirements listed above, as well as the appropriate requirements for associate and undergraduate or advanced students listed below.

Associate and Undergraduate Students

- 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) based on a scale of 4.0 at the time the application is due
- Completion of at least four courses related to the field of environmental studies

* The 2- or 4-year college, university, or distance-learning institution must be accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Advanced Students

- Currently enrolled in a graduate or Ph.D. program or can provide proof of acceptance and enrollment to a graduate or Ph.D. program at the time of fellowship award
- Completion of at least one semester of graduate or Ph.D. work, or at least four undergraduate courses related to the field of environmental studies

Please note: The following students are not eligible for a NNEMS fellowship:

- Federal employees, including those who are on "leave without pay" status
- Undergraduate and graduate students who will graduate before the NNEMS fellowship is completed. (Students who complete their undergraduate studies before the end of a fellowship may apply if they are admitted and enrolled in a graduate program.)
- Students enrolled in certificate programs
- High school students

Application Process

Complete application information and materials can be obtained online at www.epa.gov/education/students.html. Application materials and information are also available from career service centers (or the equivalent thereof) at participating universities, colleges, and other organizations.

Students who are interested in applying for a NNEMS fellowship must submit three complete application packages (one original and two copies) that include:

- A completed NNEMS Application Form
- A completed Standard Form 424 - Application for Federal Assistance
- A résumé
- An official transcript for each college or university attended
- A completed NNEMS Reference Form
- A completed NNEMS Disclosure and Waiver Statement
- Verification of acceptance and/or enrollment in a graduate or Ph.D. program if the applicant is a graduating senior