

LAUNCHING A UTILITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

The Illinois Section AWWA Outreach Committee Can Help

As Outreach Committee members, we are committed to doing our part to support the current water industry and improve the industry's future by working with utilities to enhance their sustainability. We believe that by creating and improving educational opportunities such as internship programs, we can help spread the word about this incredible industry and have a positive impact recruiting and building the next generation of water utility professionals.

That is why we are so excited to partner with utilities throughout Illinois to establish new internship programs, and support and reinvigorate existing internship programs!



COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS IS CRITICAL

Together we will:

Educate your stakeholders about the importance and benefits of providing internship opportunities in our industry

Connect and build meaningful relationships with potential internship donors and sponsors;

Explore routes for building rewarding unpaid internship program opportunities



LET US HELP WITH PROGRAM PLANNING

We provide:

Sample internship program plans and timelines for launching an internship program

Examples of internship projects and activities and

Assistance facilitating joint internship programs with neighboring utilities





HAVING A STRONG PROGRAM FOUNDATION WILL ENSURE YOUR PROGRAM IS BUILT FOR SUCCESS

Let us be one of your support pillars by:

Connecting you to potential mentors who have demonstrated experience building and maintaining internship programs

Connecting you to updated program-building news, information, funding opportunities, utility tours and job shadowing event information

Linking potential interns with your internship program

Assisting you in preparing grant applications

We know your utility is unique, faces specific challenges, and offers specialized experiences.



Therefore, we leave the logistics (i.e. intern hours, operations, and supervision) and specifics (i.e. intern pay, insurance requirements, legal/financial responsibility, stakeholder communication) to you.



Interested in partnering with us to build or reinvigorate your internship program?

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We look forward to working with you!

