

ETAS Internship Q&A

1. What is ETAS?

Enterprise Technical Assistance Services, Inc. (ETAS), is a contractor to the U.S. Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO). We are dedicated to supporting the technical and management services contributing to safe environmental cleanup of the Portsmouth and Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Sites.

2. What are Gaseous Diffusion Plant Sites?

During World War II and the Cold War, uranium enrichment sites were created across the United States to manufacture and stockpile enriched uranium for national defense and energy programs. Two such sites were built in Portsmouth, OH, and Paducah, KY, where the uranium enrichment process created a gaseous byproduct known as Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride, or DUF6. Now decommissioned, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is working to decontaminate and demolish these plants, so that the land can be returned to local communities.

3. Why is ETAS running an internship program?

Closing the workforce age gap at diffusion cleanup sites is a major DOE priority. By establishing connections with students throughout their college careers, ETAS hopes to incentivize the next generation of workers in this essential field, while helping them to gain hands-on experience in their area of study.

4. How can students apply to this program?

In order to apply, students must complete an application essay, and provide a resume, letters of reference, and a copy of their transcript. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Applicants must also undergo a background check and drug test.

5. What can students expect to gain from this program?

Every aspect of this program is designed to prepare students for a career after graduation. The application process will provide experience creating a resume, gathering letters of reference, and going through an interview process. Once accepted, interns will gain on-site work experience in their field while supporting the needs of diffusion cleanup sites at Paducah and/or Portsmouth. Throughout their time at ETAS, each intern will be paired with a mentor, who will supervise their work and answer any questions they might have. Along with daily tasks, interns will be required to complete midterm and final evaluations, as well as a formal final presentation at the conclusion of the program. By the end of the program, students will be stronger writers and communicators, with professional work experience and connections in their field. Interns will also be paid, starting at \$20 an hour, and may receive college credit for their work. Returning interns will be granted preferential status when applying to future internships, as well as co-op and entry level positions within ETAS and our client organizations.

6. How many positions will be available?

Up to 15 internship positions will be available across three ETAS sites.

7. Where can I get more information?

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