Community College Internships (CCI) Application Assistance Workshop





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- Advanced Supercomputing -The National Labs operate some of the most significant high performance computing resources available, including 32 of the 500 fastest supercomputers in the world. El Capitan is currently the world's fastest supercomputer and is owned by the U.S. DOE.
- **Put the Jolt in Volt-** Chevy's Volt would not be able to cruise on battery power were it not for the advanced cathode technology that emerged from a National Lab (specifically, Argonne National Lab).
- **Decoded DNA**-In 1990, the National Labs joined with the National Institutes of Health and other laboratories to kick off the Human Genome Project, an international collaboration to identify and map all of the genes of the human genome.
- Brought the web to the U.S.-National Lab scientists, seeking to share particle physics information, were first to install a web server in North America, kick-starting the development of the worldwide web as we know it.
- Largest Digital Camera The SLAC National laboratory earned a Guinness World Record for developing the largest digital camera known as the LSST Camera.
- World's First Video Game- Before there was PlayStation or Nintendo, there was Tennis for Two, which may have been the first video game ever created, Brookhaven National Lab scientists built the pioneering system to entertain visitors to the Lab in 1958.
- Nuclear Physics PhDs Research-One-third of all nuclear physics PhDs awarded in the U.S. are based on research happening at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Laboratory.
- 3D Printing Bigger and Better-A large-scale additive manufacturing platform developed by a National Lab and an industry partner printed 3D components 10 times larger and 200 times faster than previous processes. So far, the system has produced a 3D-printed sports car, SUV, house, excavator and aviation components.
- Discovered 22 elements To date the National Labs have discovered: technetium, promethium, astatine, neptunium, plutonium, americium, curium, berkelium, californium, einsteinium, fermium, mendelevium, nobelium, lawrencium, rutherfordium, dubnium, seaborgium, flerovium, moscovium, livermorium, tennessine and oganesson.







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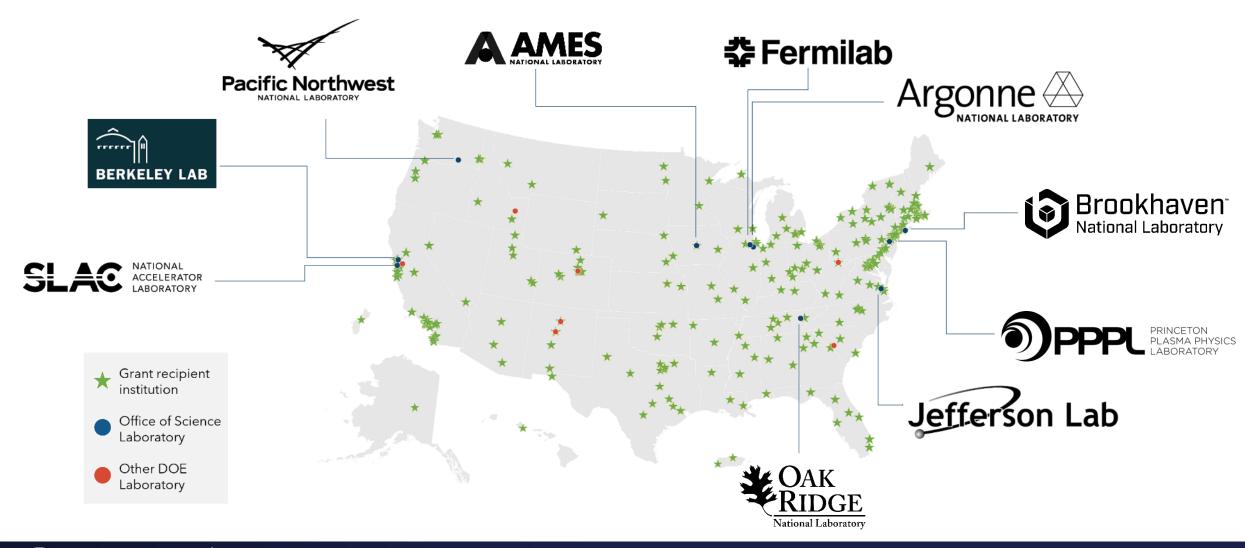
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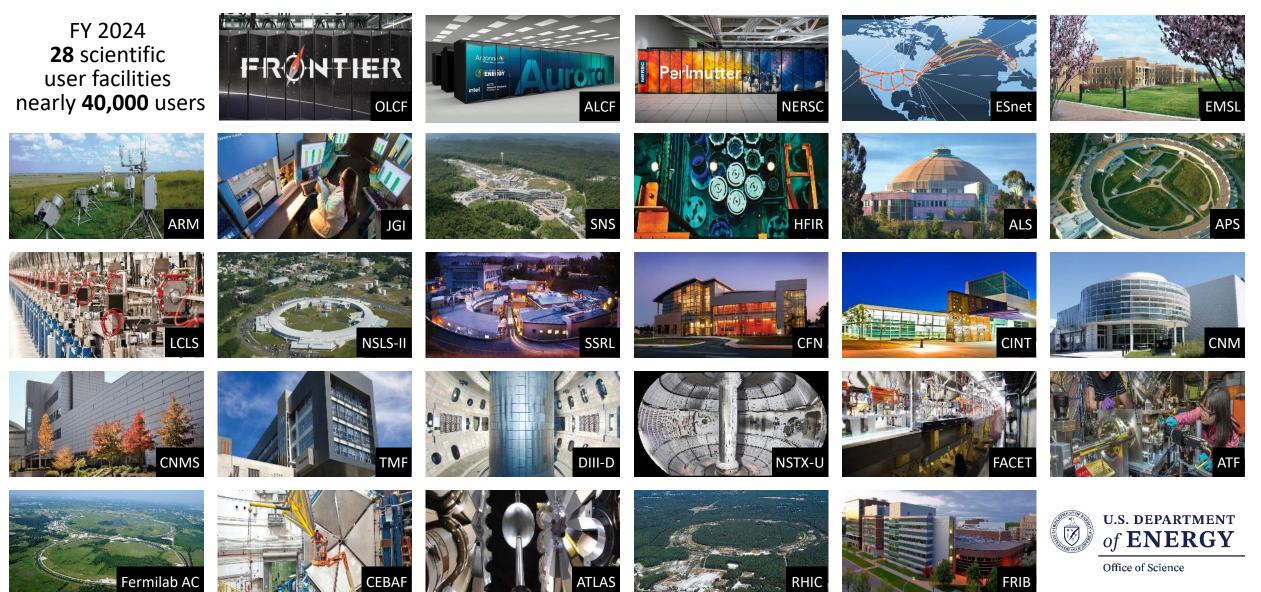


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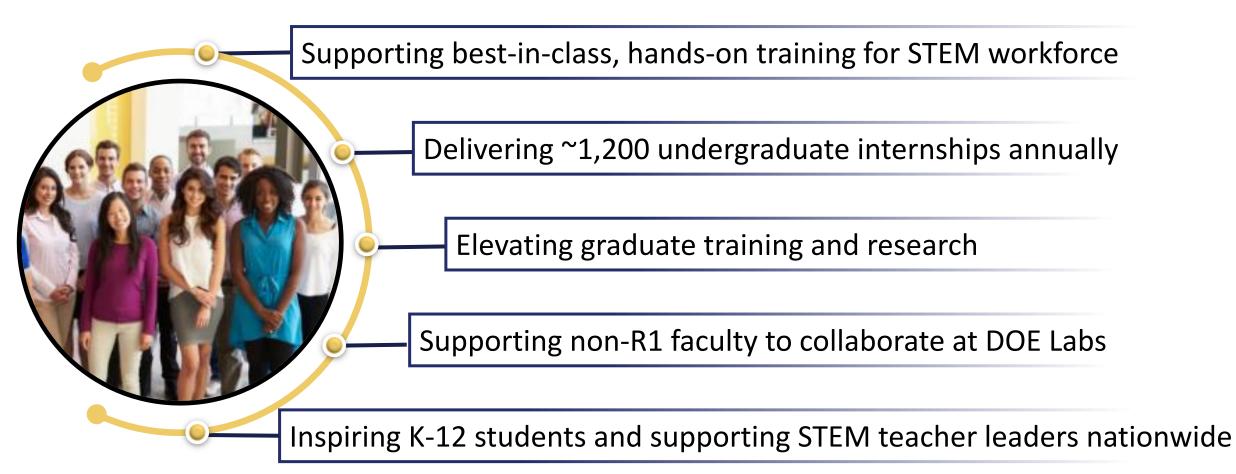
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WDTS Mission: Sustaining a highly skilled STEM talent pool for a strong future DOE workforce





Community College Internships (CCI)

- Prepare for technical careers and/or pursue 4-year degrees
- Hands-on, discovery learning, and professional development guided by mentors.
- Benefits: \$650/week stipend, travel and lodging assistance
- Program Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall
- Fall 2024 Term Placements: ~30

Learn more about CCI and apply at:





Image Courtesy of Berkeley Lab



Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship**-Must be a United States Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident at the time of applying.
- Age-Must be 18 years or older at the time the internship begins.
- **Enrollment**-Must be currently enrolled as a part-time or full-time student at a community college or accredited two-year college and completed at least one semester at the time of applying.
- **High School Diploma or GED** Must have earned a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) equivalent at the time of applying.
- **Grade Point Average (GPA)**-Must have an undergraduate cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale for all completed courses taken as a matriculated student at the applicant's current (or recently-graduated) institution and at any undergraduate institutions attended as a matriculated postsecondary student during the 5 years preceding the start of the current enrollment. College courses completed during high school are not required to be reported. Note : Applicants with a GPA of 2.7 to 2.95 must submit a waiver statement during the application to be considered.
- **Coursework**-Must have completed at least 6 credit hours in science, mathematics, engineering, or technology course areas, and completed at least 12 credits hours towards a degree
- Participation and Application Limit-Applicants are limited to participation in CCI program to no more than two internships. Applicants can apply to the CCI program a maximum of three times.

Before you apply, verify you meet the "all" eligibility requirements.

Eligibility requirements: <u>https://science.osti.gov/wdts/cci/Eligibility</u>



Key Dates

CCI Internship Term:	Fall 2025
On-line Application Opens	March 13, 2025
Applications including recommendations due	May 21, 2025 5:00 PM EST
Offer Notification Period Begins on or around	June 4, 2025
All DOE Offers and Notifications Complete	On or around August 5, 2025

***The Application System closes at 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time. Materials will not be accepted after the system has closed.



Application Requirements



- All applications must be completed online through the <u>online application system</u>. You will need to create an account to access the online application system.
- Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered for evaluation and placement. As a reminder, letters of recommendations are a component of a completed application.
- The application system is compatible with smartphones. Completion of applications and letters of recommendation requires use of a computer and web browser.

Completed applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 21, 2025 through the online application system.





How to apply: https://science.osti.gov/wdts/cci/How-to-Apply

Navigating the Application

REMINDER: All

application materials must be submitted through the Application Portal: <u>https://apps.orau.gov/cci</u> /Account/Login

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 and professional accomplishments. College faculty members who teach science, technology, engineering, or mathematics courses are the best references, but you may also use former high school teachers, lab assistants, teaching assistants, or employers (especially if they work in a research or technical setting). Recommendations are not allowed from family members or friends of family members. Make requests for recommendations as soon as possible, then verify that they have been received on the status page. NOTE: Applications can be submitted immediately after requests for recommendations have been made; recommendations DO NOT have to be received before applications can be submitted. Request Recommendations Verify & Submit Verify that all information is complete and correct, then submit your application. After submittal, you will be able to un-submit and edit your application until the application deadline. If you un-submit, you must resubmit you application before the deadline to be considered. After the application deadline, you will only be able to update your contact information in the application profile, but you can remove yourself from consideration by selecting "Withdraw" on the status page. Verify & Submit Check Your Status Ater your information has been submitted, you can check your status at any time. 	2 Request Recommendations
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Components of the CCI Application Menu

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Credit: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Applicant Profile



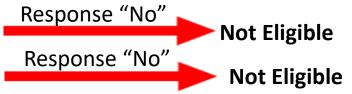


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Applicant Profile

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General Information	General Information					l application will close in 71 days.	
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Eligibility	Preferred Name		Address				
Demographics		Optional	Citizenship	o / Languages /	I will be 18 years of age or older by the time the	Yes No	
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND			Eligibility		internship begins.		
Academic Information	Middle Name		Demograph	nics	All applicants are required to be	e U.S. citizens or lawful permanent reside	ants at the time of applying
Undergraduate Institutions		Optional	EDUCATIONAL BA	CKGROUND			and at the time of applying.
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- Name must match that on transcript and letters of recommendation
- Will you be 18 years or older by the start of the internship?
- Are you a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident?



Educational Background





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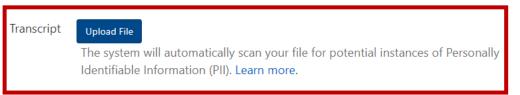
Educational Background

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APPLICANT PROFILE	Educational Background	
General Information	Academic Information	
Address	Eligibility requires that all applicants be currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours as an undergraduate student at a	
Citizenship / Languages /	community college or accredited two-year college and completed at least one semester at the time of applying.	
Eligibility	Note: Students must have completed at least 6 credit hours in science, mathematics, engineering, or technology course	
Demographics	areas, and completed at least 12 credit hours towards a degree. Eligibility for CCI requires all applicants must have an	
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	undergraduate cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale for all completed courses taken as a matriculated student at the applicant's current institution and at any undergraduate institutions attended as a matriculated	
Academic Information	postsecondary student during the 5 years preceding the start of the current enrollment.	
Undergraduate Institutions	Are you currently attending a community college?	
STEM Courses		
Awards	• Yes O No	
High School Graduation or GED	Are you currently enrolled as a full-time or part-time student?	
WORK EXPERIENCE & SKILLS	• Full-time O Part-time	
Work Experience	Select the option that best describes your current academic status.	
Professional Associations		
Computer Skills	Second-Year Community College Student	
Laboratory/Technical Skills	If you are selected as a participant in this DOE program, will you receive academic credit from your university/college for	
PROGRAM INFORMATION	participating? Select "no" = not eligible	
Eligibility	⊖ Yes O No Select IIO – IIOt eligible	
Previous DOE Internship/Fellowship Experience	Save	



Educational Background: Submitting Transcripts

- Eligibility requires submission of the transcript from an applicant's current institution. This must be the most recent transcript available at the time of application. Recent is defined as the transcript printed or accessed no earlier than the opening date of the application or March 13, 2025.
- Upload a transcript in Pdf format in the application system for each postsecondary institution enrolled within the last 5 years of most recent enrollment.

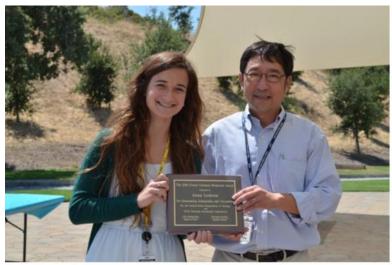


- Redact personal identifiable information (PII) such as full date of birth and social security number.
- Ensure the transcript includes the applicant's name, institution name, and course names and grades and cumulative GPA.
- Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for submission to the application system if they contain applicant's name, institution name, and course names and grades, and cumulative GPA. Otherwise, the applicant must upload an official transcript.
- Watch this <u>video</u> to assist with transcript uploads.



Education Background: Awards

- Include all awards you received during your academic career. Examples of awards may include:
 - Dean's List
 - Membership in Honor's Society
 - Merit Scholarships
 - Honors Program
 - Winner of contests, challenges, and tournaments



Lab Director Chi-Chang Kao presents the Ernest Coleman Award to SULI intern Anna Leskova. SLAC Accessed 1/9/2019 at https://www6.slac.stanford.edu/news/2016-08-26-undergraduate-interns-learn-summer-research.asp

Work Experience





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Work Experience and Skills: Work Experience

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	Citizenship / Languages / Eligibility	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Demographics	Please provide information about your relevant work experience.		
ED	UCATIONAL BACKGROUND			
	Academic Information	Enter Work Experience Not Applicable/No relevant experience		
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	STEM Courses	 Include paid and volunteer work 		
	Awards	experience		
0	High School Graduation or GED	 STEM internships or research 		
W	ORK EXPERIENCE & SKILLS	experiences		
	Work Experience	Tutoring appointments		
	Professional Associations	Teaching Assistantships		
	Computer Skills	 Mentoring 		
	Laboratory/Technical Skills	- Wentoning		

Work Experience and Skills: Laboratory and Technical Skills

- Describe your research and technical skills in detail
- The skills may be obtained through employment or coursework.



Credit: Oak Ridge National Laboratory



Program Information



From left: **PPPL** physicist Ahmed Diallo, SULI student Jalal Butt, and PPPL physicist Egemen Kolemen. Photo by Raphael Rosen.

From <u>https://www.pppl.gov/news/press-releases/2018/08/undergraduate-students-extoll-benefits-national-laboratory-research</u> Accessed 1/9/2019



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Fall 2025 Term: Participating Host DOE Laboratories

- Ames Laboratory
- Argonne National Laboratory
- Brookhaven National Laboratory
- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- General Atomics/DIII-D Facility
- Idaho National Laboratory
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

- Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
- Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

Technical Project Areas for CCI

- 1. Accelerator Engineering and Technology
- 2. Biotechnology (nonmedical)
- 3. Chemical Analysis and Instrumentation
- 4. Chemical Technology
- 5. Computer Technology
- 6. Cyber Security
- 7. Energy Technology Bio
- 8. Energy Technology Buildings
- 9. Energy Technology Fossil
- 10. Energy Technology Nuclear
- 11. Energy technology Solar
- 12. Energy Technology Transportation
- 13. Energy technology Vehicles
- 14. Energy Technology Wind
- 15. Engineering Technology Aeronautical
- 16. Engineering Technology Biological (nonmedical)
- 17. Engineering Technology Chemical
- 18. Engineering Technology Civil
- 19. Engineering Technology Computer
- 20. Engineering Technology Electrical
- 21. Engineering Technology Environmental
- 22. Engineering Technology Industrial

- 23. Engineering Technology Materials 24. Engineering Technology - Mechanical 25. Engineering Technology - Mining 26. Engineering Technology - Nuclear 27. Engineering Technology - Operations/Systems 28. Engineering Technology - Optical 29. Engineering Technology - Petroleum 30. Engineering Technology - Power 31. Environmental Management 32. Environmental Technology 33. Information Technology 34. Instrumentation Technology 35. Materials Technology 36. Nanotechnology 37. Nuclear Technology 38. Quantum Communication 39. Quantum Computing 40. Quantum Engineering 41. Quantum Information Science- Other
- 42. Quantum Materials
- 43. Quantum Sensing
- 44. Quantum Simulation



Program Information: DOE Laboratories and Technical Project Areas

- Applicants must select a first-choice and second-choice laboratory to be considered for placement. These laboratories will conduct a merit review for consideration of a placement. You're encouraged to confirm your selections as they cannot be changed after the application deadline.
- Applicants are encouraged to review <u>laboratory websites</u> and contact DOE researchers to learn about their research.
- Visit the Laboratory Selection Tool to learn the success rates of eligible applicants by lab.
- Double check your lab selections before submitting your application! WDTS is unable to switch your laboratory preferences.

**Note: For the Fall/Spring terms, you may choose to have your application reviewed by any lab if you're not selected by your first or second-choice lab.



Program Information	
	Get Help With*
Host DOE Laboratories and Technical Project Areas Select	ion
When selecting your first and second choice host DOE Laboratories, and y carefully review the R&D program area descriptions. Not all project areas assistance in selecting DOE Laboratories, please see the Laboratory Selection	are available at all DOE Laboratories. For further
First Choice Host DOE Laboratory	
Ames National Laboratory (AMES)	
First Choice Technical Project Area	
Nanotechnology 🗸	
Second Choice Technical Project Area	
Quantum Communication	
Third Choice Technical Project Area	
Chemical Technology	
Second Choice Host DOE Laboratory	
Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)	
First Choice Technical Project Area	
Environmental Technology	
Second Choice Technical Project Area	







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Essays: Technical and Research Experience

Technical/Research Experience

Describe your previous technical/research experience or equivalent experience on complex projects, including the level of independence, while working as a member of a technical/research/project team.

- Describe all prior research and technical experience including
 - Research experiences (paid and unpaid)
 - Special projects
 - Skills obtained during coursework count!
 - No previous research experience beyond coursework is required!

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Essays: Technical and Research Experience

Interests

Essays

Technical/Research Interests

Describe the type(s) of technical/research subjects or activities that interest you at your first and second choice host laboratories, and discuss any particular factors influencing your choice of host laboratories.

- Elaborate on why you wish to participate in the CCI Program.
- Which labs are you interested in conducting research and how your interest align with those labs.
- What do you hope to gain from the experience?

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Essays: Personal and Professional Goals

Essays

Personal Experience

Describe your professional, academic, or life experience and skills you have that enhance your ability to be an excellent contributing member to the CCI Program.

- Share your skills or experience, outside of research, that are applicable to CCI.
- What life experiences motivated or inspired you to pursue your major?
- Think of your employment, academic, extracurricular, and life experiences, and how they've led to you applying to CCI.
- Include unique qualities which may influence your participation in CCI such as being a first-generation college student, working student etc.

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Essays: Professional Interests

Essays Professional Goals Describe your long-term academic and professional goals, and how participation in the CCI program could develop or expand skills required to achieve those goals. B I U ×₂ ײ | I_× | 글 := = = = ≤ = | × ⊡ | ← → 🔍 🖏 💭 📾 🖙 🖌 Ω 🚽 🕢 Source Normal 🔹 Font - Size -How will the program advance your academic professional goals? What are your career interests? Do you plan to pursue a bachelor's degree after you graduate? It's acceptable to mention that this program will help determine if a career at lab is right for you! body p Current Character Count [0] (max: 2500)

Letters of Recommendation







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Letters of Recommendation

- A completed CCI application requires recommendations from <u>two</u> individuals familiar with the applicant's education, training, experience, aptitude, or promise relevant to the CCI Program. Note: Family, friends, and friends of family are not allowed to serve as authors of recommendations.
- An applicant will be asked to provide contact information for individuals indicated in the online application system. **Applicants are encouraged to make the requests for recommendations as soon as possible.**
- Letter of reference must be submitted through the application portal by the application deadline or 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 21, 2025.

Resources To Assist With Application Components

- Application <u>checklist</u>
- Submitting <u>transcripts</u>
- Tips for preparing <u>essays</u>
- Requesting letters of reference
- FAQ's-<u>https://science.osti.gov/wdts/cci/Frequently-Asked-Questions</u>



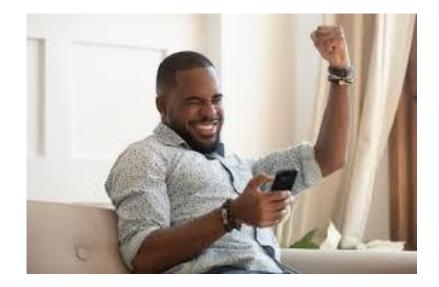
Selection and Notification

- Eligibility and Compliance Check-All applications must pass eligibility and compliance check.
- Merit Review- Assessment by first and second choice labs selected by the applicant.
 - Applications will be assessed based upon performance in completed academic coursework, strength of recommendations letters; expressed scientific or technical interests; and the applicant's background, experience, accomplishments, and interests as they relate to the host laboratories.
- Notifications-Offers made by a host Laboratory Education Director via e-mail. Applicant has 10 calendar days to respond to offer. Only one offer will be extended to an applicant.

All appointments are contingent upon proof of citizenship/permanent residency and the outcome of a formal background check.

Participant Obligations

- Commit to 10-weeks (40 hrs/week) in the program.
- Maintain health insurance during the appointment.
- Complete deliverables by deadline
 - Pre-survey
 - Post-survey
 - Research paper (6-8 pages)
 - Poster or oral presentation
- Maintain professional behavior.



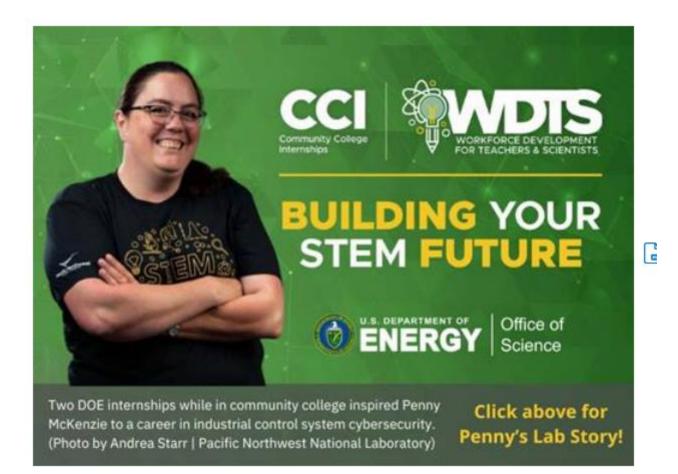
More details: https://science.osti.gov/wdts/cci/Participant-Obligations



Benefits to Participating in CCI

- Contribute to exciting, real world, innovative, ongoing projects in the DOE national laboratories.
- Build professional networks with scientist and engineers.
- Opportunity to establish a mentor.
- Enrichment opportunities through professional development and technical seminars.
- Enhance science communication skills.
- Decide if a career in research is right for you.
- Land a permanent position.

CCI Alumni Spotlight: Meet Penny McKenzie



Interested in reading more Lab Stories? Visit <u>https://science.osti.gov/wdts/WDTS-Lab-Stories-and-Participant-Spotlights</u>.



Join Us for Virtual Office Hours!!

Dates: April 30th at 2:00 p.m. EDT May 7th & 14th at 2:00 p.m. EDT

Who Can Attend?

- Applicants
- Letter of Recommendation Writers

More info including registration is available on the CCI website.

Virtual Office Hours!

REGISTER NOW

Thinking about applying for the Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) or the Community College Internships (CCI) programs?

Got questions? Applicants and letter of recommendation writers are invited to attend office hours to answer administrative questions such as those pertaining to uploading transcripts, submitting letters of recommendation, and general inquiries. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS & SCIENTISTS SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION OF A HIGHLY SKILLED FUTURE WORKFORCE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICLOGY



Don't forget!!

- Application deadlines and requirements are firm, including receipt of recommendations (no exceptions!)
- The application deadline is May 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.
- Plan early. Submit your application ahead of the deadline.
- Contact your reference letter writers as soon as possible. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure recommendations are submitted by the deadline.
- Do your research! Visit the DOE National Laboratories and host sites webpages to make a more informed decision about your lab preferences.
- Technical support for the online system is available during regular business hours.
- Only complete, compliant, and eligible applications are reviewed by self-selected first and second-choice labs.
- Only one offer will be extended to an applicant during an application period..
- Send us a message if you have questions. Contact <u>sc.cci@science.doe.gov</u>.





Connect with us....

- After this session, e-mail us <u>sc.cci@science.doe.gov</u> if you have questions.
- Office of Science Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists on LinkedIn.











Thank you!



