



# Working at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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# USEPA: Who We Are & What We Do



Established in 1970, EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment

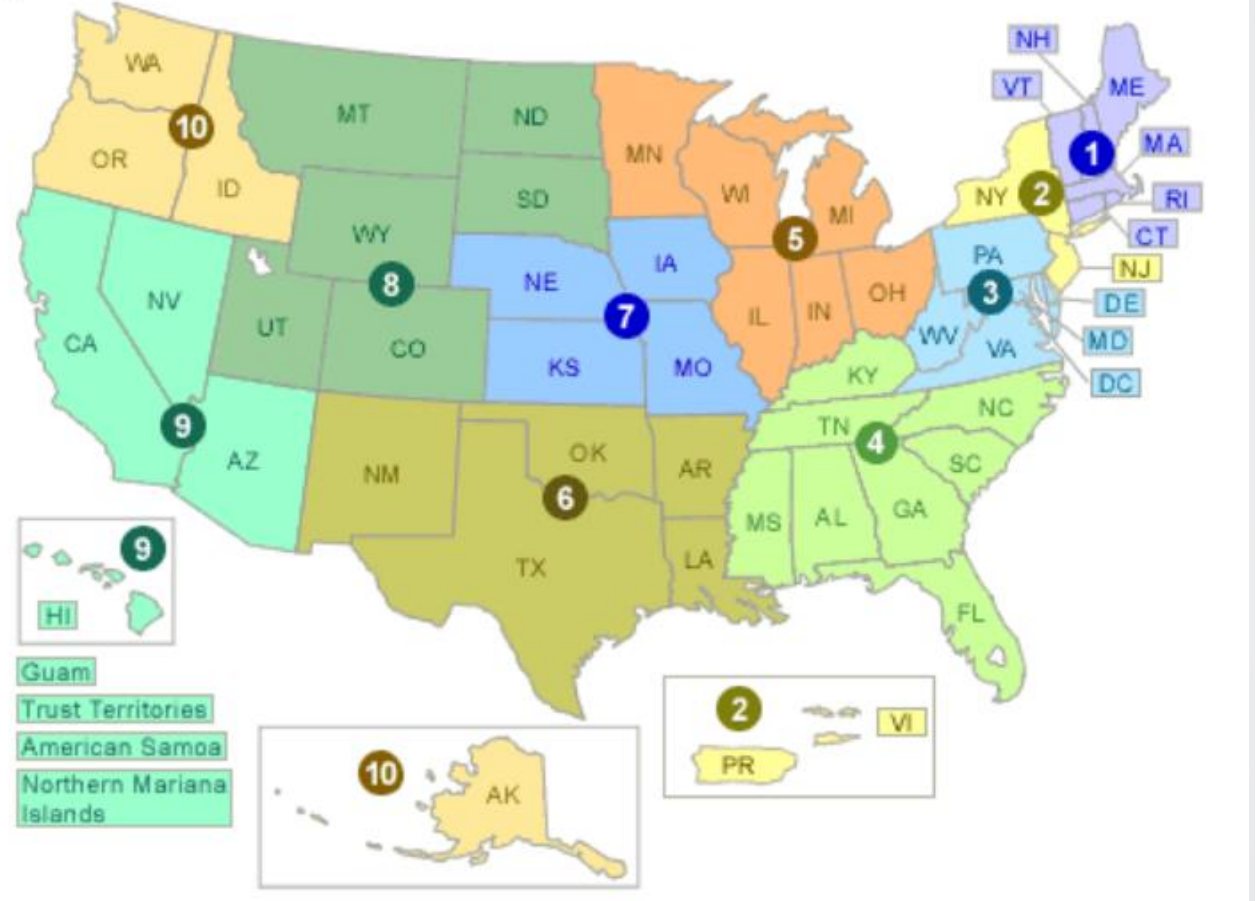
EPA works to ensure Americans have clean air, water, and land

- *Develop and enforce regulations*
- *Give grants*
- *Study environmental issues*
- *Sponsor partnerships (e.g., states, tribes, industry, non-profits, academic institutions, etc)*
- *Teach people about the environment*
- *Publish information (e.g., research findings, environmental education materials, fact sheets, etc)*



# Working at EPA: Office Locations

- EPA Headquarters is in Washington DC
- EPA has 10 regional offices
- Region 10 is based in Seattle, WA and serves Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Federally Recognized Tribes
- Region 10 serves 271 Tribes, the most of any EPA regional office
- Region 10 staff work in Seattle, WA and 4 Operations Offices in Anchorage, AK; Boise, ID; Lacey, WA; and Portland, OR





# EPA Region 10 Student Internships

- **Region 10 Outreach and Recruitment Goals For All Jobs:**
  - **Recruit and retain a diverse workforce** that is representative of the communities we serve in the Pacific Northwest.
  - **Enhance outreach efforts** to populations that have been historically under-represented in our organization's workforce, such as African-Americans, Alaska Natives/American Indians, and Latinx-Americans, and people with disabilities.
- **Region 10 Paid Student Internship Program**
  - Seeking student interns to work in Region 10 Operations Offices and/or Divisions starting this summer 2021.
  - Looking for students with technical or administrative (e.g., finance, IT) backgrounds who are great team players, have excellent communication skills, and an enthusiasm for EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment.



# Region 10 Student Intern Program Overview

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Eligibility	Current students in college (including 4-year colleges/universities, community colleges, and junior colleges); professional, technical, vocational, and trade school; advanced degree programs; or other qualifying educational institution pursuing a qualifying degree or certificate. <b>Must have completed two full academic years of post-high school study or an Associate's degree.</b>
Duration	Agencies may hire Interns on a temporary basis for up to one year for an initial period, or for an indefinite period, to complete the educational requirement. Work is full or part-time.
Area of Focus	Internships may be located in Region 10's Air & Radiation, Enforcement & Compliance, Laboratory Services & Applied Science, Land, Chemicals, & Redevelopment, Regional Administrator, Superfund & Emergency Management, or Water Divisions. <a href="#">Click here</a> to learn more about these programs. The positions are focused on implementing EPA laws, regulations, and policy to protect public health and the environment in the Pacific Northwest (e.g., water, air, land, environmental research, etc).
Conversion Process	Interns may be converted to a permanent position (or, in some limited circumstances, to a term position lasting 1-4 years) within 120 days of successful completion of the program. See job announcement for more information about program requirements.

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# Working at EPA: Region 10 Priorities

## EPA Reviews Draft Pebble Mine Permit

[Read EPA's latest comments](#) on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft Section 404 permit.

## Alaska Native Villages and Rural Communities Water Grant Program

Significant human health and water quality problems exist in Alaska Native Villages (ANV) and other rural communities in Alaska due to lack of sanitation. To address these issues, Congress in 1996 authorized EPA to create the Alaska Native Villages and Rural Communities Grant Program, which is codified in 33 U.S.C. § 1263a.

The program assists these communities with the construction of new or improved wastewater and drinking water systems. Communities can also use the funding for training and technical assistance in system operations and maintenance.

EPA provides funds to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address the needs of rural and native Alaska

## EPA Releases Cold Water Refuges Plan

EPA released its final [Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Plan](#) on January 7, 2021. Protecting and restoring "cold water refuges" is important for the survival of migrating salmon and the recovery of future salmon populations.

## How Healthy is the Salish Sea?

The EPA and Environment Canada are studying the health of our shared ecosystem. Find out what we're learning in the [Health of the Salish Sea Ecosystem Report](#).

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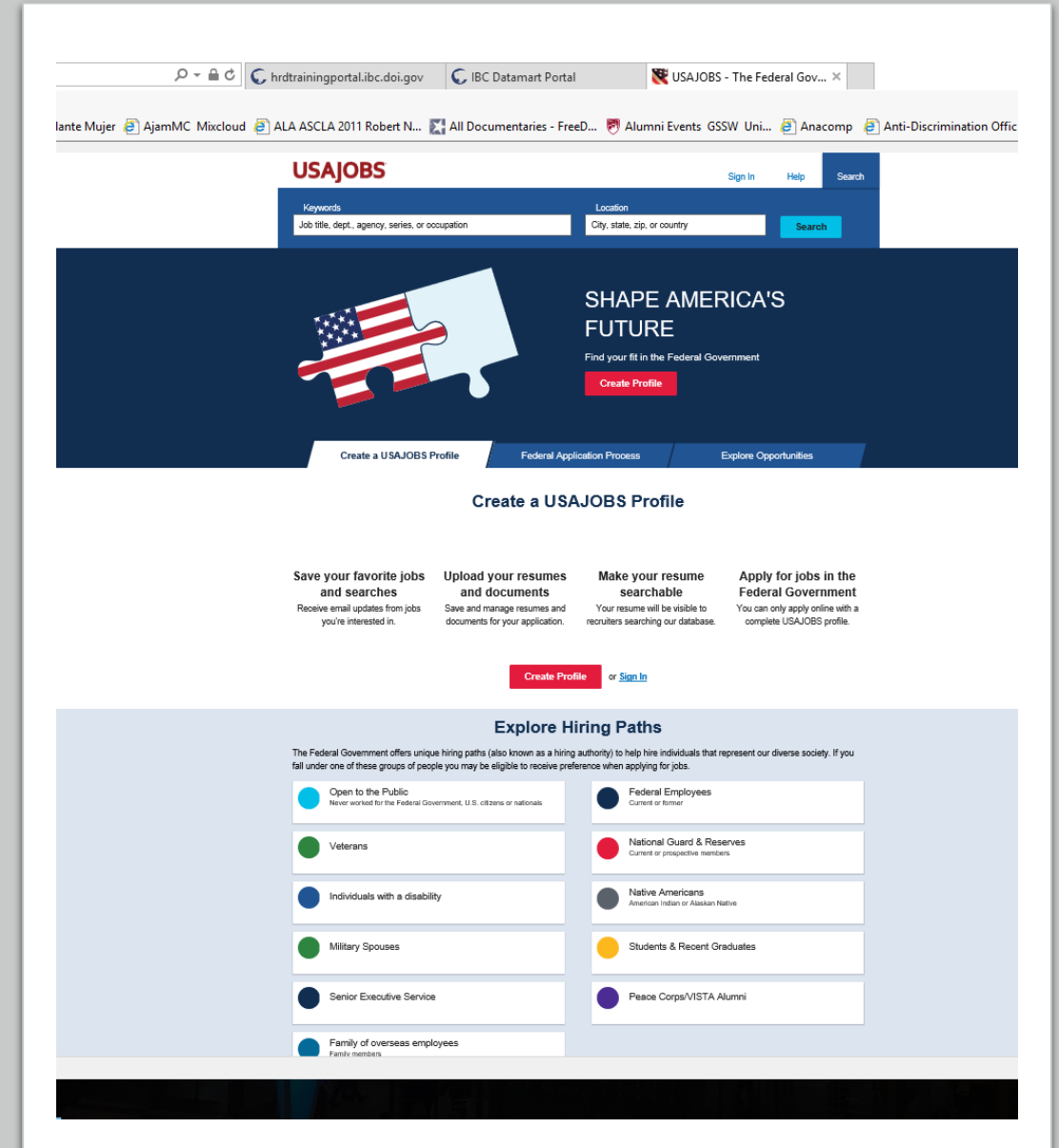
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\*For questions about a specific job, contact the  
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