The Value of Internships

Internships are bridges between academic achievements and professional employment. They provide students with valuable experiences to explore and compare professions. While experience does not guarantee employment after graduation, students discover that their internship provides an edge with locating future employment opportunities and establishes a foundation for networking. Past internships include:

- Hawaii News Now (HI)
- National Weather Service Forecasting Offices; Honolulu (HI), Oxnard (CA)
- Organization for Tropical Studies (Costa Rica)
- U.S. Geological Survey Pacific Islands Water Science Center (HI)
- U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HI)
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA (CA)
- Lunar and Planetary Institute, NASA (TX)
- U.S. Natural Park Services, Cleveland (OH)
- The American Natural History Museum (NY)
- Oceanic Institute (HI)
- Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research & Education (HI)
- Oceanic Analytical Laboratory (HI)
- State Department of Health (HI)

Many SOEST alumni can be found around the world working from the bottom of the oceans to monitoring volcanoes, managing water resources, tracking weather systems, and remotely on other planets through space missions to study planets, moons, asteroids, and other planetary bodies.

Other SOEST alumni are pursuing graduate degrees in a variety of fields and employed as postdoctoral researchers.

Many others have applied transferable skills from their geoscience degrees to become high school teachers, college professors, business managers, medical doctors, environmental lawyers, urban planners, engineers, and active supporters of the community.

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A few recent placements of SOEST graduates...

Oceanographer, Sea Engineering, Inc.
Honolulu, HI

Operations Manager/Geologist, ESN Pacific
Honolulu, HI

Weather Specialty Team Chief, US Air Force
<Various locations>

Digital Communications Manager, Idaho Fish & Game
Boise, ID

Geologist, AECOM
Honolulu, HI

Assistant Professor, Temple University
Philadelphia, PA

Staff Geologist, Geolabs, Inc.
Honolulu, HI

Environmental Engineer, AECOM
Honolulu, HI

Chemistry and Forensic High School Teacher
San Jose, CA

Assistant Professor, Cal State University Channel Islands
Camarillo, CA

Assistant Vice President, University of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT

Data Architect, Pattern Energy
San Francisco, CA

Oceanographer, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
Honolulu, HI

Assistant Professor, Salisbury University
Salisbury, MD

Software Engineer, Oracle
San Diego, CA

Center Director, USGS Pacific Islands Water Science Center
Honolulu, HI

Hydrologist, Commission on Water Resource Management
Honolulu, HI

President, KC Environmental Inc.
Honolulu, HI

Mechanical Engineer, Navatek Ltd
Honolulu, HI

Emeritus Professor, University of Colorado-Boulder
Boulder, CO

Oceans Project Officer, Fisheries & Oceans
Vancouver, BC

Assistant Professor, Coastal Carolina University
Conway, SC

Meteorologist, The Weather Company via IBM
Milwaukee, WI

Science Planner, Leidos
Reston, VA

Geologist/Project Manager, Jacobs Engineering
Honolulu, HI

President, Delta Data Services
Long Beach, CA

Physics Teacher, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Miami, FL

Planning Director, County of Kaua’i
Lihue, HI

Environmental Technician, Enviro Services & Training Center
Honolulu, HI

Coastal Processes Specialist, SeaGrant, NOAA
Honolulu, HI

Middle School Science Teacher, ‘Iolani School
Honolulu, HI

Fishing Boat Monitor, NOAA
Honolulu, HI

Environmental Health Specialist, State Dept of Health
Honolulu, HI

Coastal Management Specialist, SeaGrant, NOAA
Honolulu, HI

Chemistry High School Teacher, Punahou School
Honolulu, HI

Robotics High School Teacher, St. Louis School
Honolulu, HI

Geologist, Hart-Crowser, Inc.
Honolulu, HI

Environmental Monitor, Stantech Consulting
Honolulu, HI

Geologist, Environmental Science International
Kailua, HI

Attorney, State Dept of the Attorney General
Honolulu, HI

Consultant, Lehua Environmental
Kamuela, HI

Senior Planner, Hawai’i County
Kea’au, HI

Insular Fisheries Research Specialist, NOAA
Honolulu, HI

Project Engineer, Fukumoto Engineering
Makawao, HI