

Graduate Student Research Internship

Colorado State University's Center for the New Energy Economy ([CNEE](#)) is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) paid research intern to join our team. This internship is a unique opportunity for a graduate student interested in learning about clean energy policy. The successful applicant will work closely with our Research Manager, Assistant Director, CNEE's expert staff, and other student interns on a variety of projects, including the Advanced Energy Legislation Tracker ([AEL Tracker](#)), the State Policy Opportunity Tracker for Clean Energy ([SPOT for Clean Energy](#)), and the [Clean Energy Legislative Academy](#).

Background

Founded as a department of [Colorado State University](#) in 2011 by Colorado's 41st Governor, Bill Ritter, Jr., CNEE's [team](#) of energy and environmental policy experts works directly with governors, legislators, regulators, utilities, and other stakeholders to provide non-partisan technical assistance to inspire policies that facilitate America's transition to a clean energy economy.

Opportunities

- Develop a broad working knowledge and comprehensive understanding of clean energy transition issues facing the U.S. energy system, especially those related to the electric and transportation sectors.
- Develop your expertise in a specific area of energy or climate policy.
- Learn new research skills and energy policy-related concepts.
- Expand your interpersonal communication skills.
- Interact directly with and learn from policymakers and subject matter experts.
- Contribute to energy and climate-related research and other projects with real-world and real-time impact.
- Work with an open, supportive, and inclusive team.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Manage data, perform research, and write-up results to create content for the AEL Tracker, SPOT for Clean Energy, the Clean Energy Legislative Academy, and other initiatives.
- Work collaboratively with CNEE team members to develop reports related to state-level energy legislation and policy.
- Work on short-term research assignments for CNEE staff, which includes creating memoranda on current energy policy developments.
- Assist with notetaking, hosting, and facilitating the Clean Energy Legislative Academy and other stakeholder convenings.
- Attend and contribute to weekly team meetings.
- Drafts posts and text for social media outreach.

Requirements

- Current graduate students only.
- Excellent research, communication, and analytical skills.
- Demonstrated policy, science, or technical writing skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively under limited direct supervision.
- Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the department's [commitment](#) to diversity and inclusion.
- Willing to work at CNEE's Denver office (when we return to in-person work).

- Preferred candidates will:
 - Have a working understanding of energy markets, energy and/or environmental policy, and state legislative procedures;
 - Have a demonstrated ability to read, summarize, and synthesize technical reports, research articles, energy databases, and legislative and regulatory documents;
 - Have an interest in aligning CNEE research with research for a thesis or dissertation;
 - Have an interest in assisting CNEE staff promote CNEE's work on social media outlets; and,
 - Be proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite.

Hourly Pay Rate: \$16 - \$20 / hour

Benefit information can be found on CSU's HR website [here](#).

Background Check

Colorado State University strives to provide a safe study, work, and living environment for its faculty, staff, volunteers and students. To support this environment and comply with applicable laws and regulations, CSU conducts background checks. The type of background check conducted varies by position and can include, but is not limited to, criminal history, sex offender registry, motor vehicle history, financial history, and/or education verification. Background checks will also be conducted when required by law or contract and when, in the discretion of the University, it is reasonable and prudent to do so.

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The Section 504 and ADA Coordinator is the Vice President for Equity, Equal Opportunity and Title IX, 101 Student Services Building, Fort Collins, CO 80523-0160, (970) 491-5836.

Applications

Please send your resume or CV (with cover letter), three references, and one writing sample to:

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Applications may be considered as soon as they are received. This opportunity will close at 5:00 pm Mountain on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.