Office of Safety, Health and Environmental Management Internship Opportunity

Smithsonian Facilities

Project Name: Safety & Occupational Health Program Internship Opportunity

Number of weeks: 10 weeks with the ability to extend to 12 weeks
Location: 600 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington

PURPOSE OF SF INTERNSHIPS AT THE SMITHSONIAN

The primary purposes of the Office of Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Management’s Safety internship is to provide a practical learning experience in the areas of best practices in safety and health management. Interested students should be enrolled in a Safety Sciences, Safety Management or related major or science related major, from an accredited college or university, and willing to learn how to conduct hazard assessments and investigations, case reviews, and program implementation best practice strategies.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Office of Safety, Health and Environmental Management’s (OSHEM) Safety Division (SD) mission is to provide a safe and healthful work environment for Smithsonian Institution (SI) staff members, volunteers and visitors. An internship opportunity within the SD will familiarize the intern with the safety management audit procedures, and techniques on how to conduct a variety of hazard assessment evaluations for a ranging of conditions to include physical, mechanical, chemical or ergonomic. The intern will learn about best practice strategies and how to implement recommended actions to eliminate or minimize potential staff exposure to unsafe conditions or procedures.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The student will be responsible for learning, arranging and conducting hazard assessments and inspections with assigned safety staff. The intern will learn how to apply applicable hazard control strategies, select appropriate safety equipment, assisting in preparing written reports of suitable recommendations for corrective actions.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisor will provide students with assignments and activities which will provide the opportunity for the student to learn about, and participate in a professional capacity in the management of an Occupational Safety and Health Program. Supervisor is also responsible for identifying the expectations of the project and the provision of opportunities to participate in, and the provision of resources, time, and support to facilitate the successful completion of the assignments.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

1. Presentation to SD staff on the project assignment, providing results and recommendations.
2. Presentation to Smithsonian Facilities senior staff of final project (including process used, results obtained, benefits to SF and suggested follow-on work).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Student will acquire and develop knowledge and skills of sound safety management principles through practical applications. The student will be accompanied by a Safety Manager, professional Industrial Hygienist or fire protection engineer during their tenure. The student will learn how to select appropriate hazard controls, select/operate safety related equipment, and review/interpret inspection reports.

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