

NORTHEAST-MIDWEST INSTITUTE
Washington, D.C.
Fall Semester 2019
INTERN FOR WATER POLICY

Opportunity

The Northeast-Midwest Institute seeks a Fall Semester 2019 intern, starting in August of 2019, to assist in water policy and in particular policy research related to quantity, quality and access to water and wastewater services in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

Background

The Northeast-Midwest Institute is a Washington, DC-based, nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy organization committed to economic vitality, environmental quality, and regional equity for the 18 states of the northeast and midwest. The Institute is engaged in significant research and policy development in the environmental areas of water quality and the effectiveness of regional water quality assessment, especially related to the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River Basin, and invasive species, as well as in economic vitality areas relating to legacy cities and issues such as brownfields, workforce development, and urban fiscal sustainability. In addition, a program monitoring federal policy and the appropriations process as it affects the northeast and midwest is an ongoing initiative designed to ensure regional equity.

Strengthened policy education and outreach to communicate its research and policy development is an ongoing priority at the Northeast-Midwest Institute. The objective is to ensure that the U.S. Congress, federal policy-makers in the Administration and federal agencies, and state and city officials are informed of critical research and information that relate to legislation and regulations as they are formulated and enacted.

Possible Responsibilities

- Research water and wastewater issues in the Northeast and Midwest region, especially but not limited, to the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, and produce written reports assisting in the development of a policy agenda.
- Support the Institute's Safe Drinking Water Program with research support on several ongoing and anticipated projects.
- Assist with tracking relevant legislation affecting water and wastewater issues.
- Assist with analyzing long-term funding trends for federal programs.
- Attend and take notes at relevant hearings and briefings.
- Keep track of federal funding opportunities and grant awards of regional interest and produce short write-ups on new developments and upcoming opportunities.
- Assist with writing and editing policy newsletters.

Internship Program

Institute internships are unpaid; academic course credit is available in accordance with university policy; weekly hours are negotiable.

To Apply

Submit an introductory cover letter or email accompanied by a resume to Dr. Sridhar Vedachalam, Director, Safe Drinking Water Research and Policy Program, Northeast-Midwest Institute, at svedachalam@nemw.org