

Unpaid Internship Position

Position Number: 1
Position Title: Interbasin Transfer Act – Office of Water Resources - DCR
Location: 10 Park Plaza, Boston - Hybrid
Duration: June 3 – August 16, 2024

Brief Description of Internship Position:

The Interbasin Transfer Act (ITA) gives the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (WRC) the authority to approve or deny transfers of water or wastewater outside of the river basin of origin. The ITA requires protection of the donor basin and sound water supply management practices by the applicant prior to a transfer of water resources between river basins. DCR's Office of Water Resources (OWR) serves as staff to the WRC, provides technical review of the applications, advises the WRC on regulatory and technical issues concerning the ITA, and makes recommendations to the WRC concerning an applicant's compliance with the ITA criteria. OWR maintains the administrative record for the WRC's ITA reviews and coordinates review of ITA applications with the other environmental agencies (e.g., MassWildlife, MassDEP).

This intern will assist with conducting annual reviews of past ITA approvals, and will work with historical data and documents to create a database of past ITA approvals and reviews. The database portion will fit into a larger WRC/OWR water data project currently in progress.

Description of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work with WRC/OWR staff to determine important characteristics of ITA reviews and approvals
- Create a database table/framework in Excel reflecting the characteristics selected
- Review historical documentation and data to determine and document the characteristics of ITA reviews and approvals
- Make recommendations on any additional characteristics
- Fully populate the database
- Assist with reviewing annual data/reports to ascertain compliance with ITA approvals and conditions

Preferred Knowledge and Skills:

- Working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Adobe PDF, and Microsoft Word.
- Background in an environmental field preferably with an interest in water resources management
- Interest in public service

Hours per week: 15-25

Other relevant information: Includes opportunities to attend WRC meetings and internal WRC/OWR Staff meetings.