

I am pleased to share that the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, OR and Spokane, WA, is once again hiring interns in 2024, including around four in our Power Services Division, as part of the federal government's Pathways Program. The BPA Power Services Division manages the energy planning and marketing, economic analysis, energy efficiency planning, and water and weather forecasting for the Federal Columbia River Power System. We are again seeking students and recent graduates who excel at researching and processing physical, engineering and econometric data, making sense out of it, communicating effectively verbally and in writing, and helping us operate at the most cost-effective manner possible while meeting all of our statutory obligations.

We are planning to hire up two or three interns in Operations Research Analyst fields (both current students and recent graduates), one or two engineers (both current students and recent graduates) and one or two recently graduated Public Utilities Specialists. While engineering job classifications are straightforward, the Operations Research job classification is rather generic. However, most mathematics, data science, economics, finance, environmental science, physical science, hydrology, and meteorology/atmospheric science majors qualify for these positions. Business and marketing-related degrees are also well suited for Public Utilities positions. Applicants will need to follow the instructions in the Vacancy Announcements very carefully, especially the requirements to include transcripts and making sure resumes include all of the information requested in the announcement. **Because the vacancies posted a bit later than usual this year, applications are due on January 10th – after most winter holiday breaks.**

The announcements are posted on USAJobs:

Public Utilities Specialist Recent Grads: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767460800>

Operations Research Analyst Recent Grads: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767462400>

Operations Research Analyst Students: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767465000>

Engineer Recent Grads: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767459600>

Engineering Students: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767465900>

If you, or any of your students or recent grads, have any questions, either myself or Wilson Bowlby (wjowlby@bpa.gov) will be happy to answer them. There is are a couple of excellent YouTube videos available on the BPA itself (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzq1_m1WQFI ; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q2QoeSr23Q>) and how to apply for Federal positions (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gih8-cwTCQU>).

Please feel free to share this with your colleagues and recruitment departments.

Have a great holiday season!

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