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Company Applications now available for 2021 P2 Internship Program



Applications are now available for the 2021 P2 internship program. In this nationally recognized internship program, Iowa companies and institutions submit potential P2 projects for consideration and P2 Services matches upper-level engineering students with specific projects based on each student's coursework, academic performance, experience, technical, and communication skills.

After one week of comprehensive training with P2 program staff the intern serves at the host facility, where they analyze the current processes, research strategies, calculate cost comparisons, and implement improvements. After writing a final report documenting results and recommendations, the intern presents this information to host company management and writes a case summary of the project. Internships begin in May 2021.

P2 technical staff is available to assist with project development. For more information on the program, visit www.iowap2interns.com or email P2Services@dnr.iowa.gov.

Get Ready for P2 Week: September 21-27

Pollution Prevention Week starts next Monday! Each year, the third week in September is celebrated by the U.S. EPA as paying homage to the anniversary of the Pollution Prevention Act, which passed 30 years ago and established a national policy to prevent or reduce pollution. In celebration, EPA is hosting webinars focusing on P2 milestones, strategies, and success stories from utilizing pollution prevention methodologies. [Sign up for the webinars on EPA's P2 page](#) and learn more about the 30th anniversary of the Pollution Prevention Act. Here are the webinars at a glance:

- **Big Gulp: Lessons Learned on Providing P2 Tech Assistance to Food and Beverage Manufacturers (9/23/2020; 1 PM)** - This webinar highlights lessons learned in the field from delivering pollution prevention assistance to food and beverage manufacturers. The speakers will highlight what worked—and what didn't—in driving sustainability improvements in this diverse sector.
- **P2 Virtual Assessment Training (9/23/2020; 3 PM)** - In celebration of EPA's Pollution Prevention Act 30th Anniversary, EPA Region 6 will be hosting a Live Virtual P2 Assessment Training. The webinar will consist of a variety of P2 methods and tools utilized by three different state P2 technical assistance providers and grantees focusing on the areas of Lean waste, energy waste, hazardous waste, and sustainability.

IWRC Energy Reduction Webinar



During these challenging times, the Iowa Waste Reduction Center is finding new ways to assist Iowa's small businesses. The IWRC is excited to announce the first in a series of free webinars titled the IWRC Energy Efficiency Webinar Series. Funded through a grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Energy Program, this webinar aims to educate and assist Iowa businesses reduce energy consumption and save money.

The IWRC will host this webinar on Wednesday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Topics will include how businesses can implement energy-saving projects, a case study from Ideal Energy on how they are implementing these projects, as well as mechanisms and financing options for how to fund these projects.

For more information regarding speakers and content, or to register, please visit <https://iwrc.uni.edu/iowa-energy-efficiency/webinar>.

The IWRC has created these webinars to be Iowa specific, addressing information that is relevant to Iowa businesses and the issues that they face in reducing their energy consumption.

Upcoming Events

September 2-November 19 [2020 IAWEA Virtual Wastewater CEU Series](#) webinars

September 21-27 [P2 Week](#) webinars

September 22-23 [Fresh Air Solutions to Combat Transmission of Infectious Disease](#) webinar

September 23 [Keeping Sustainability Front and Center](#) webinar

November 9-12 [Iowa Energy Summit](#) virtual

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