PURPOSE
This program was designed to provide educational and work opportunities for college students of underrepresented backgrounds at Bureau of Reclamation sites across the US. Culturally, ethnically, and economically diverse Latino/a students majoring in engineering will be recruited through a highly competitive, national process. Selected candidates will receive mentoring and substantive hands-on work experience. This joint Hispanic Access-Reclamation program will cultivate a strong understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources, and help engineering students gain valuable knowledge and professional skills to develop and maintain these resources. It will prepare the next generation of enthusiastic and diverse stewards of American resources.

Interns will work with senior engineers and scientists on ongoing design, research and or testing. Each intern will be assigned to a project based on their professional goals and will be matched with a mentor. Specific assignments will vary depending on the intern’s interest, experience and professional goals, as well as the ongoing workload.

PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS
- Engineering design of Reclamation structures
- Research to improve infrastructure durability
- Research on water quality, water resources planning, environmental or ecosystems issues

Hispanic Access is recruiting highly motivated students who will work alongside Reclamation employees for the 11-week internship program. This is a paid internship and housing will be provided.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY
- Enrolled in an undergraduate program or recent college graduate, preference given to college juniors or seniors. Graduate students will be considered.
- Majoring in or completed degree in civil, mechanical or electrical engineering
- Possess US citizenship or valid US work permit
- Valid Driver’s License required
- Ability to work with a team and independently
- Mature, responsible and adaptable
- Willingness to learn

SELECTION CRITERIA
Applications and interviews will be rated according to relevant educational and work experience, oral and written communication skills, professionalism, technical knowledge and expertise. Candidates may express interest in specific projects in their application. Final candidates will undergo a background check before beginning the program.

Application deadline: April 30, 2018
The 11-week internship period will begin in early June 2018

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