



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **COLLEGE STUDENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR ILLINOIS TOLLWAY 2023 INTERNSHIPS**

*Students provided opportunities to gain real-world experience in transportation industry*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway is looking for college students to apply for its 2023 Internship Program with opportunities to learn firsthand about engineering, information technology, finance and more. Eligible students can apply online on the Tollway’s [website](#) through March 31.

“We are committed to building a pipeline of new engineers and our goal is to help develop the next generation of working professionals with skills necessary to launch careers within the transportation industry,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “The Illinois Tollway is a great place to work with many different career paths, so the Tollway 2023 Internship Program will offer a diverse group of students firsthand experiences and on-the-job training in a wide range of jobs, as well as mentoring by some of the most knowledgeable professionals in the transportation business.”

Students interested in learning more about the Tollway’s Internship Program can sign up for one of two online information sessions or view a recording of the session in the Careers section on the Tollway’s website:

- Tuesday, March 7, from 10–11 a.m. <https://bit.ly/3YDSTiX>
- Monday, March 27, from 1–2 p.m. CST <https://bit.ly/3XDIYcP>

The Tollway’s paid internships include an annual summer Professional Services Internship, a year-long internship in the Tollway’s Business Systems Department, as well as the year-long Engineering Cooperative Education internship. All of the internships provide students with opportunities to gain new skills through hands-on experience working in the transportation industry.

To participate in the summer or Business Systems internship, students must be currently enrolled in a college certificate or degree program or have graduated from a college certificate or degree program between December 2022 to June 2023. To qualify for the Engineering Cooperative Education internship, students must be currently enrolled at an accredited technical/vocational program, college or university studying engineering or a related program with an interest in learning about roadway engineering.

The Professional Service Internship offers real-time skill application, assigned mentorship and professional development in a hybrid learning environment and through interactive group experiences. Students will be assigned to one of seven Tollway departments, including Administration, Facilities and Fleet, Finance, Information Technology, Planning, Toll Operations and Traffic and Incident Management. The program begins June 1 and runs through August 11. In addition, the Business Systems internship runs from June 2023 through May 2024.

The Engineering Cooperative Education Internship provides instruction on the three phases of a construction project, including a planning segment that includes bridge inspection and traffic, as well as preparing intergovernmental agreements, as well as a design phase that involves drafting and 3D modeling, and a construction phase that focuses on inspection for environmental impacts and drainage,

electrical and lighting work and maintenance of traffic. The program runs from June 2023 through May 2024.

Some internships will take place primarily on-site at Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove and nearby sites, while others will offer a hybrid learning experience on-site and virtually. The Engineering Cooperative Education Internship will be mainly on-site and at active Tollway construction projects to promote a better understanding of the breadth and depth of the agency's day-to-day operations.

The Illinois Tollway's Internship Program offer students practical experience in different segments of the transportation industry and government, as well as access to leadership and professional growth activities to help further their careers. Students selected will receive supportive mentoring to help them gain skills that will enable them to become leaders in their chosen professions. Tollway interns will have opportunities to contribute to the development and administration of ongoing programs and support the agency on a variety of projects, including work related to the agency's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program.

### **About the Illinois Tollway**

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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