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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY PROVIDING INTERNSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES

Applications accepted through March 31 for real-world experiences in engineering and new Information Technology internships in the transportation industry

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is seeking college students and recent graduates to apply for its 2026 Internship Program, offering real-world transportation experiences in engineering, information technology, finance, communications and other related fields. Eligible students can apply online on the Tollway’s [website](#) through March 31.

The Tollway is expanding internship opportunities in Information Technology while continuing to offer its established Engineering Cooperative Education Internship. IT interns will gain hands-on experience in areas such as coding, cybersecurity monitoring, software development and testing and technical support. Engineering interns will work alongside Tollway engineers on active and planned roadway projects, developing skills in planning, design, construction inspection, project management and traffic maintenance. Both programs provide structured mentorship and practical experience that supports career development in high-demand fields.

“Students joining our intensive internship program will gain new skills and real-world experience that will give them a competitive edge when they begin their careers,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “We’re looking for motivated, energetic students who want to jump in and participate in the work we do. Mentoring these students helps set them on the path to future success and benefits the Tollway by developing the next generation of skilled workers for the transportation industry and other vital fields.”

Students interested in learning more about the Illinois Tollway’s Internship Program can view an informational video in the Careers section on the Tollway’s website or [sign up](#) for a live online information session on Monday, March 16, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Tollway offers paid internships that allow flexible scheduling so students can participate on a part-time basis, working 20 to 30 hours weekly.

The Illinois Tollway’s annual Professional Services Internships runs from June 1 through August 14, placing students in various Tollway departments such as administration, business systems, communications, diversity, facilities and fleet, finance, internal audit, office of the inspector general, operations, planning and security and safety. Interns will work closely with Tollway mentors to learn what skills are needed for these departments to operate successfully and the role each plays in the agency’s success.

Eligible applicants must be currently enrolled or have a graduation date of November 2025 or later in any trade/vocational program, certificate program, two-year, four-year or graduate-level institution.

The Tollway is offering specialized Information Technology internships to help students develop skills in technology applications including coding, cybersecurity and analysis and operations and customer

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support. Students seeking IT internships can select either a summer program that runs from June to August 2026 or a yearlong program from June 2026 through May 2027.

For engineering students, the Tollway also offers Engineering Cooperative Education Internship opportunities: a summer program from June to August 2026 and a year-long program from June 2026 through May 2027.

Students applying for an Engineering Cooperative Education Internship must be currently enrolled at an accredited technical/vocational program, college or university, studying civil engineering or a related field with an interest in roadway engineering and construction project management.

Interns will engage in group experiences at the Illinois Tollway's headquarters in Downers Grove along with select remote work opportunities. Engineering Co-Op interns will also have in-person fieldwork experiences on active construction projects.

The Illinois Tollway's Internship Program helps prepare students for leadership roles in their chosen fields by providing practical experience in different segments of the transportation industry while offering professional development opportunities and connecting them with accomplished mentors.

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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