

# BECOME AN ENERGY HAWK RESEARCHER (ALL DISCIPLINES WELCOME!)

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota (UND) is seeking highly qualified and motivated undergraduate and graduate students for paid summer intern positions related to North Dakota energy opportunities. Applicants must be current UND students and enrolled at UND for the fall 2026 semester.

JOB TITLE: Energy Hawk Research Internship

POSTED DATE: 02/02/2026

CLOSING DATE: 03/31/2026

DEPARTMENT: EERC

LOCATION: Grand Forks

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**JOB DESCRIPTION** This is a temporary, full-time, nonbenefited position. Only UND students are eligible to be hired in this position. Unsolicited applications to this posting will NOT be considered.

The EERC at UND is seeking qualified and highly motivated undergraduate and graduate students from any discipline for paid summer research intern positions. Interns will be introduced to energy impacts, challenges, and opportunities from technical, regulatory, and social perspectives. The program's focus on North Dakota's energy landscape will include a 6-day trip to energy production sites and communities across the state. Interns will research future North Dakota energy opportunities. Interest in understanding energy and research is essential. No prior energy experience is needed. Applicants must be current UND students and enrolled at UND for the fall 2026 semester.

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**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES** This internship is focused on conducting research in North Dakota energy and value-added energy products. The selected students will work closely with each other and EERC research scientists, engineers, and project managers on research activities designed to better understand North Dakota's current energy landscape, focus on future energy challenges, and develop value-adding opportunities. Students will research topics; prepare technical progress reports, a business plan, and presentations; and present research project results. Eight temporary, full-time positions are anticipated for undergraduate and graduate students, with selection based on the candidate's academic experience and performance and the strength of their personal statement, resume, letter(s) of recommendation, and interview. A minimum of one letter of recommendation is required.

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**REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicants must be current UND students (any discipline) and enrolled at UND for the fall 2026 semester.
- Successful completion of criminal history records check.



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HOURS AND SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The term of the internship will run from May 21, 2026, to August 7, 2026, with a midterm break June 29 – July 3.</li><li>• Western North Dakota trip June 14–19, 2026.</li><li>• 40 hours per week.</li><li>• The salary for this internship program is \$18/hour.</li></ul>
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EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY	UND determines employment eligibility through the E-Verify system. What is E-Verify? New employees to UND must present specific identification to determine their employment eligibility no later than their first day of work. To view the identification required, please see the List of Acceptable Documents. You will be required to have one item from List A OR one item from List B and List C.
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TO APPLY	For full consideration, applications must be received by March 31, 2026, and include the following materials:
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- Cover letter
- Personal statement describing why you want to be an Energy Hawk (can be part of cover letter)
- Resume
- Unofficial transcript
- Letter of support from a faculty member

As part of the cover letter, candidates should describe why they are interested in participating in the program, how their academic and personal experiences have prepared them to succeed in the program, what they offer a multidisciplinary team, and what they expect to take away/achieve/bring to the UND community as a result of becoming an Energy Hawk.

The letter(s) of recommendation can be sent directly to Kendra Hansen, EERC Principal Human Resources Officer, at khansen@undeerc.org, by fax at (701) 777-5181, or by mail at 15 North 23rd Street, Stop 9018, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9018. Candidates are highly encouraged to review the selection criteria for this internship before preparing their application packages.

Please include in the application if you are currently or have in the past 12 months been employed with UND, the North Dakota University System, or any other North Dakota state agency. If so, include which agency/department as well as how many hours you worked a week in the past 12 months.

All applications need to be submitted through UND's student employment website. The position will open February 2 and close March 31, 2026. Please go to <https://campus.und.edu/human-resources/employees/new-employees.html> for more information and to access the UND student employment website.

