Summer Internships currently available:

- **Office of Structures**
  - Structures Inspection and Remedial Engineering
  - Structure Engineering Design Division

- **Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering**
  - Regional and Intermodal Planning
  - Environmental Planning Division
  - Data Services & Engineering

- **Office of Highway Development**
  - Innovative Contracting
  - The Director’s Office
  - Highway Hydraulics

- **District 2 (Chestertown)**
  - Project Development

- **District 4 (Hunt Valley)**
  - Traffic
  - Project Development

- **Office of Traffic and Safety**
  - Traffic Engineering Design

- **Office of Materials Technology**
  - Pavement/Geotechnical Engineering
  - New Products and Research
  - Field Explorations
  - Soils Aggregate Technician
  - New Products and Research
  - Structural Material

- **Office of Environmental Design (Baltimore)**
  - Environmental Compliance
  - Water Programs
  - Landscape Architecture

- **Office of Construction (Hanover)**
  - Construction Inspection opportunities

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**Required materials from each candidate – TO APPLY**

Email the following application package by **March 7, 2017**:

1. Cover letter/Letter of interest
2. Complete the 2017 Intern Questionnaire
3. Resume
4. Unofficial transcript (include current coursework)

Note: Application materials must be combined in the specified order into a **single** pdf file identified with your first initial/last name — e.g., JSmith.pdf

For Office of Construction’s Construction Inspection Opportunities please email Diane Rathmann at: Drathmann@sha.state.md.us

For all other options please email Angela Smith at asmith@sha.state.md.us
Office of Structures

Location: Baltimore Headquarters, 707 N. Calvert St.

The Office of Structures’ (OOS) Structures is a great place to gain “real world” experience, providing great professional value both within your career with the State Highway Administration (SHA) and beyond. The OOS manages a system of about 2500 bridges on the Maryland state highway system and provides oversight and assistance to the local owners of another 2500 bridges in the state.

The Structure Inspection and Remedial Engineering Division (S.I.R.E.) keeps state highway structures safe for the traveling public through continuous regular condition inspection above and below water of all existing structures. In addition, this division provides for structural analysis, routine and preventive maintenance, bridge painting and minor rehabilitation contracts to address structure needs. The evaluation of all permits for overweight moves and their affect on structures is also a full time assignment to this area.

A position description for these divisions follows:

Internships currently available: Structures Inspection & Remedial Engineering

Requirements: Civil Engineering Major
Interns with SHA’s Office of Structures (OOS) will be exposed to entry-level type activities in remedial design and inspection. There will be a combination of office work and field work. Some knowledge of basic CADD skills is very useful, as are basic computer skills. Interns will be placed within an established team and would work on bridge and structure projects assigned to that team. The interns will report to the team leader and receive support from design engineers and technical staff. The teams are small, making it easy for a supervisory engineer to observe the skills of their interns, and make assignments in accordance with his/her abilities. A typical assignment may be a field review to identify a problem, design a solution, and then oversee implementation of the remedial design. A goal of the intern program will be to provide the interns with an understanding of what it is like to work in a design office that maintains and repairs bridges, while they perform their assignments during the summer.

Internships currently available: Structures Engineering Division

Requirements: Civil Engineering Major
The intern will work with engineers applying structural engineering theories, principles, and standards to a variety of transportation structures. The team will be involved with the design of new bridges, bridge deck replacements, bridge rehabilitation and repairs, culverts, retaining walls, and noise abatement walls. The intern will assist the engineers in the analysis and design of the structures, foundation design, preparation of plans using CADD, and the development of construction cost estimates. Interns may also be involved with performing hands-on forensic evaluations of structures, writing inspection reports and making repair recommendations, and rating existing structures to determine their load carrying capacities.
Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering

Location – Baltimore Headquarters, 707 N. Calvert St.

The Office of Planning & Preliminary Engineering (OPPE) coordinates transportation planning statewide and performs project planning activities. The Regional and Intermodal Planning Division is responsible for long range systems planning and the integration of SHA’s program with local and regional transportation plans. The Project Management Division is responsible for managing major projects during the planning phase of projects. Position descriptions follows:

Internships currently available: Regional & Intermodal Planning Division

Requirements: Civil Engineering Major Urban Planning/Planning

The intern will have the opportunity to assist in coordinating and learning about various planning activities within specific regions and participate in the development and public involvement for the Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) and long range plan. The intern may be required to assist in several statewide functional programs including: bicycle and pedestrian coordination, transportation enhancement program (TEP)/ transportation alternatives program (TAP), park and ride, and assist with preliminary studies focusing on areas such as safety, transit, and transit oriented development (TOD).

Intern duties would include but are not limited to: working with databases, preparing spreadsheets, drafting of customer responses, preparing, reviewing and analyzing statistical data, researching best practices, policies and laws, and assisting RIPD with the preliminary studies. Knowledge of GIS applications is preferable. Interns may accompany team members to on-site visits or attend field reviews and/or meetings for projects in pre-planning, planning or under design. The intern will represent MDOT at meetings and participate in liaison activities with State, MDOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and county and municipal elected officials and agencies. Depending on the assignments, the intern may have the opportunity to present results from preliminary studies to the SHA Senior Management and other State agencies or SHA/MDOT offices.

Final products may include but are not limited to: CTP updates, Long Range and Sector Plan review and summaries, briefing papers, database applications, and spreadsheets.

Internships currently available: Environmental Planning Division

Requirements: Watershed Science Major

This position will serve in the Environmental Planning Division (EPLD). The mission of EPLD is to plan a sustainable Highway system in Maryland for all users of our roadway system through partnerships, innovative approaches and engineering solutions in a manner that strengthens Maryland communities and diverse natural environment in a cost effective manner for the citizens of Maryland.

Requirements: Anthropology/Archaeology Major
This position will serve in the Cultural Resources Section of the Environmental Planning Division (EPLD). The mission of the Cultural Resources Section is to sustain the balance between protecting our cultural resources and maintaining our transportation system. While SHA performs archaeological surveys and research in advance of transportation projects, the division also supports a public outreach program. Here, historical research and excavations are done along transportation landscapes wherein citizens and other local governments are become partners in the project. These stewardship initiatives foster a sense of place within the communities and strengthen relationships with the public.

The duties of the EPLD/Cultural Resources Section intern will learn how to use GIS to locate site and survey data. In addition, he/she will understand the purpose and methods behind identifying archaeology resources within SHA right of way. The intern should possess basic knowledge of excavation techniques; those skills will be strengthened through excavations on historic-period archaeological sites within Maryland.

Internships currently available: Travel Forecasting and Analysis Division

Requirements: Civil Engineering Major

The intern will work with the Travel Forecasting and Analysis Division (TFAD) to develop traffic/travel demand forecasts, evaluate traffic operational analyses, and assist in the outreach to relevant planning stakeholders in and outside of MDOT SHA. Typical duties may include but are not limited to:

- Request traffic count and traffic safety data
- Perform field reviews and observations of traffic conditions, such as queues, driver behavior, etc
- Develop existing and future traffic volumes using traffic counts (requested by our office) and regional demand models, such as the MWCOG or BMC
- Perform traffic analysis to evaluate Level of Service (LOS) of proposed engineering concepts through microsimulation software such as Synchro/SimTraffic and VISSIM
- Develop “Title Sheet” traffic for use by other offices within MDOT SHA, such as the Office of Highway Development or Office of Materials Technology
- Review and comment on Traffic Impact Studies, such as for a business requesting access to State roadways
- Prepare reports, presentations, and attend meetings in support of the above – depending on the intern’s comfort level, they may present the project’s findings to stakeholders themselves

Additionally, the TFAD team will work with the intern to develop and finalize a short report (“white paper) on a topic of their choosing relevant to this office’s skillset. An example topic previously completed was the impacts of connected/autonomous vehicle technology on regional traffic.

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Office of Highway Development

Location – Baltimore Headquarters, 707 N. Calvert St.

The Office of Highway Development (OHD) is responsible for delivery of the Administration’s Capital Program for construction and is divided into several operational divisions, including the Highway and Community Design Divisions, Highway Hydraulics Division, Design Technical Services Division, Plan Review Division and the Plats and Surveys Division. A position description for these divisions follows:

Internships currently available: Innovative Contracting Division

Requirements: Civil Engineering Major

The Innovative Contracting Division (ICD) oversees the engineering for pedestrian and bicycle related programs as part of its responsibilities for the State Highway Administration. Engineers in this division also design and provide project management for major projects, such as new roadways, major reconstruction, or new interchanges, as well as new roundabouts, intersection improvements or minor geometric improvements. The ICD is looking for a student, with a Civil Engineering major and interest in transportation preferred, to provide engineering design, drafting, and support for these types of projects. The duties of this individual may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Development of feasibility studies, including field reviews, for existing sidewalk reconstruction, new sidewalk or shared use path construction, road diet projects, or other projects to upgrade pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Development of engineering design plans to support the construction of new pedestrian or bicycle facilities, and/or construction/reconstruction of roadways.
- Development of updated CADD drawings to support new and updated pedestrian policies and guidelines.
- Development of maintenance of traffic plans for construction/reconstruction of roadways.
- Development of maintenance of pedestrian traffic plans to provide pedestrian accessibility along state highways.
- Development of cost estimates for new pedestrian or bicycle facilities, and/or construction/reconstruction of roadways.

The selected candidate for this position may utilize Microstation and InRoads, as required, to assist in the development of engineering drawings and plans and may also utilize Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint programs in their work responsibilities.
Internships currently available: Highway Hydraulics Division

Requirements: Civil or Environmental Engineering Major

The Highway Hydraulics Division (HHD) is responsible for engineering, inspection, and project management services for drainage, storm water management (SWM), erosion and sediment control (ESC), stream stabilization, and small stream crossings for The State Highway Admin. (SHA) facilities and is responsible for ensuring permitting related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), SWM, and ESC requirements. The HHD is looking for a student with a Civil or Environmental Engineering major and interest in water resources with regards to transportation, to provide engineering design, drafting, and support for these types of projects. The duties of this individual may include, but not limited to the following:

- Field work to complete outfall inspections to support compliance with the NPDES, aid drainage complaint investigations, roadway project design criteria and verify construction activities of projects managed by the Division.
- Using computer software such as Microstation, InRoads Storm and Sanitary, StormCAD, excel, TR-55, and WinTR-20 to support engineers in storm drain and culvert design; water quality facility design, SWM best management practices, ESC facilities and stream restoration.
- Project submission support to various reviewing authorities; geographic information systems (interns would work on GIS efforts related to identifying drainage facilities and its condition to develop priority of repair.)
- Project review for compliance with environmental regulations; and database management related to HHD permit processes.
- Assist with SHA’s ESC Training and Certification Program or PRD Storm Water Management Design, Map and Plans Training.

A group project for all HHD interns will be assigned to be completed prior to the end of the summer that will provide the opportunity to not only learn design and computation skills at a deeper level, but also show coordination and cooperation skills that can lead to leadership opportunities.

Internships currently available: The Director’s Office

Requirements: Civil or Environmental Engineering Major (Preferred, not required)

The intern with the Director’s office would be embedded in a Highway Design team, but would receive most assignments from the Director’s Office, including the Deputy Directors. The intern would participate in policy and standards review and development, reviews of plans for design exceptions, reviews of redline revisions for construction projects, reviews of bid justifications, construction estimate-related activities. May be assigned a summer long project such as developing or updating online technical or process manuals, Federal Highway Stewardship plan reporting mechanisms, or to support e-bidding, e-construction, e-document management, or 3-D design migration activities. May receive assignments related to the development of final construction bid packages. May attend meetings with members of OHD’s leadership team, as well as project related meetings for the HD team with whom they’re seated. May have the opportunity to complete some CADD-related activities.

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District Two/ Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot Counties

Location: 615 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620

Internships currently available: Project Development – Engineering Systems Team & Utilities Team

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering Major

District 2 Project Development is responsible for the design and preparation of system preservation projects in Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne and Talbot County, Maryland. System preservation projects include: Intersection Capacity Improvements; Safety and Spot Improvements; Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements, Safety and Resurfacing, and District Engineer’s Quick Action. In addition, Project Development includes the District Utility Section responsible for utility design review and coordination and inspection of construction occurring through Utility and Access Management (developer) permits.

An intern in Project Development would work with an experienced engineering team leader and one or more civil engineers and technicians of varied experience.

Intern Projects/Duties:

- Learn basic roadway and geometric design (horizontal and vertical alignments, ADA pedestrian and bicycle facilities, storm drain design, pavement design, roadside barriers design, etc.) using MicroStation and InRoads software through on-the-job training
- Learn cost estimating, scheduling, project management and permit submission for both in-house and consultant led design projects
- Assist with field investigations and plan reviews
- Develop milestone reports as well as Sidewalk/Bicycle Waivers
- Assist with project milestone distribution/submittals and attend public informational meetings
- Review utility plans and assist in utility inspections

Requirement of Candidates:

- Candidates should possess the ability to think analytically, as well as strong written communication and math skills.
- Experience using Microstation, computer-based word-processing, spreadsheet and database management is beneficial.

A valid driver’s license and willingness to perform field work is essential.
District 4/ Baltimore & Harford Counties

Location: 320 West Warren Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Internships currently available: Project Development – Engineering Systems Team

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering Major

District 4 Project Development is responsible for the design and preparation of system preservation projects in Baltimore and Harford County, Maryland. Projects are developed for the following programs: Intersection Capacity Improvement; Safety and Spot Improvement; Safety and Resurfacing; Bicycle and Sidewalk Retrofit; and District Engineer’s Quick Action. In addition, Project Development includes the District Utility Section responsible for utility design review and coordination and inspection of construction occurring through Utility and Access Management (developer) permits within District 4.

An intern in Project Development would work with an experienced engineering team leader and one or more civil engineers and technicians of varied experience.

Requirement of Candidates: Experience using Microsoft Office software, Good time-management and analytical thinking skills, Valid driver’s license and willingness to perform fieldwork

Intern Opportunities:
- Learn basic roadway and geometric design (horizontal and vertical alignments, ADA pedestrian and bicycle facilities, pavement design, roadside barriers design, etc.) using MicroStation and InRoads software through on-the-job training
- Learn cost estimating, scheduling, project management and permit submission for both in-house and consultant led design projects
- Accompany team members on site visits to assess the condition of roadway facilities
- Accompany team members attending partnering meetings and on-site coordination for projects in construction
- Interact with other SHA offices and divisions to understand their role in the project development process
- Attend project milestone meetings and review project documents and provide comments
- Assist in utility plan reviews and attend inspections

Internships currently available: District4 Traffic

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering Major

Intern Projects/Duties:
- Investigate and respond to inquiries concerning various aspects of highway safety and traffic operations sent in by citizens, various elected officials, Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator, etc. via phone, email or letter.
- Attend various public informational and technical meetings related to SHA design and construction projects. This may include reviewing and commenting on Traffic Signal, Signing, Marking, or Temporary Traffic Control Plans for these projects.
● Assist in conducting Traffic Analysis and Traffic Operational Studies. This may include reviewing crash patterns along our roadways or calculating the Level of Service (LOS) of a roadway and developing improvements recommendations.

● Perform Traffic Signal Warranting Studies

● Conduct Sign Inventories and conduct speed studies

● Maintain and update computerized reports used by traffic engineers
Office of Traffic and Safety

Location: 7491 Connelley Drive, Hanover, MD

The Office of Traffic and Safety (OOTS) plays a major role in assuring that state highways operate safely and efficiently. OOTS provides a wide range of traffic engineering, traffic operations, and traffic safety support to SHA's Districts and other units that enable them to carry out their highway responsibilities. It also houses SHA's motor carrier agency and serves as the lead agency for Maryland's traffic safety programs. The Traffic Engineering Design Division (TEDD) is a major design division in OOTS responsible for engineering, design, production, oversight and scheduling of all Traffic Control Devices (TCD’s), Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS’s), TCD structures statewide. Traffic Operations Division (TOD) Construct, inspect, modify, test, maintain and perform remedial engineering for Traffic Control Devices (TCD’s), Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS’s), and Automatic Traffic recorders (ATR’s). Manufacture, modify and install overhead signs. Maintain Hanover complex facilities. Traffic Development and Support Division contributes to the development and organizational support of new and expanded traffic engineering and safety functional programs and practices.

Internships currently available: Traffic Engineering Design Division

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering – Traffic Engineering

TEDD is responsible for the design, manage, administration and coordination of traffic control devices design statewide. Working with various offices/divisions inside and outside of SHA, TEDD provides a traffic control devices engineering solutions to meet the requested functional requirements. In addition, TEDD reviews and approves traffic control device design on developer’s project statewide.

Requirement of Candidates:
- Candidates should have good research skills, ability to think analytically and strong written communication and math skills.
- Experience using computer-based word-processing, spreadsheet and database management is beneficial.
- Experience using Microstation or AutoCADD to assist in the development of engineering drawings
- A valid driver’s license and willingness to perform fieldwork is essential.

Intern Projects/Duties:
An intern in TEDD will work with team leader and one or more experienced engineers. The duties of this individual may include, but not limited to the following:
- Drafting, designing and reviewing of traffic control device plans using the principles of engineering;
- Field investigation and preliminary project information collection
- Development of cost estimates
- Development the report, memo, and/or correspondence
- Assist with milestone distribution
- Maintaining and managing project files
Internships currently available: Traffic Operations Division

Majors Requested:  Civil Engineering – Traffic Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
The Traffic Operations Division (TOD) is responsible for the inspection and maintenance efforts of traffic control devices statewide including signals, ground mounted and overhead sign structures, pedestrian signals, lighting and intelligent transportation systems devices. The Intern will support project management, assist in construction inspection activities, and support the mission of the division.

Requirement of Candidates:
- Candidates should have good research skills, ability to think analytically and strong written communication and math skills.
- Experience using computer-based word-processing, spreadsheet and database management is beneficial.
- A valid driver’s license and willingness to perform fieldwork is essential.

Internships currently available: Traffic Development & Support Division

Majors Requested:  Civil Engineering – Traffic Engineering

TDSD contributes to the development and organizational support of new and expanded traffic engineering and safety functional programs and practices. Its teams provide guidance, expert advice and day to day support for the overall statewide traffic engineering, management, and safety programs. Intern will assist engineers in the following: Traffic Engineering Studies, Work Zone Safety, Roundabout Reviews, Automated Speed Enforcement, Highway-Rail Crossing Safety, MUTCD Guidelines, Ped. And Bike Standards, Signal System Timing, Crash Studies, Advanced Intersection Studies, TE/TC Research

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Office of Materials Technology

Location – Hanover, MD

Internships currently available: Geotechnical Engineering Assistant

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
The duties of the internship will involve assisting the staff of the Engineering Geology Division – Geotechnical Section with various duties as follows:

- Preparing field work requests and guidelines for soil and structure foundation surveys in order to obtain samples to determine properties and characteristics of soil and rock. Field work may include auger borings, Standard Penetration Test (SPT) borings, Cone Penetrometer Testing (CPT), Dilatometer Testing (DMT), Pressure meter Testing (PMT), and non-destructive geophysical testing.
- Performing geotechnical analyses including bearing capacity analysis, slope stability and seepage analysis, settlement/consolidation analysis.
- Preparing Geotechnical Reports: describing geotechnical related features of the project, subsurface information and soil characteristics; documenting geotechnical findings and evaluations; containing recommendations (including specifications and details) for embankment foundation treatment, fill and cut slope design, soil and subgrade treatment, groundwater control, subgrade drainage, alternative earth retaining structures and ground improvement techniques.
- Providing support to District Construction personnel during construction of the roadway and structure portions of projects to resolve urgent and emergency situations resulting from pavement and/or geotechnical problems. Reviewing significant features exposed during construction to compare actual conditions to those anticipated by design, and to make corrective recommendations as necessary. This typically involves solving problems related to drainage, excavation, compaction, foundations, landslides, sediment and erosion control, and ground improvement techniques. Preparing memos, technical reports, specifications and details to assist in processing Change Orders and Redlines.
- Evaluating chronic, urgent and emergency situations resulting from pavement and/or geotechnical problems. Providing services to District Maintenance teams to troubleshoot pavement and/or geotechnical problems. These services are typically provided to address land-sides/slope failures, structural backfill, erosion, earth retaining and drainage structure failures, subsurface failures, etc. Preparing recommendations and details to monitor and solve geotechnical related maintenance issues. These recommendations generally require immediate responses as many of these hazards can result in safety related issues.
- Providing geotechnical engineering support and reviewing Geotechnical Reports on County, Access Permits Division and MTA projects within State jurisdiction.

The intern will report directly to the team leader and will conduct task assignments for all team staff engineers. Work will be conducted with close supervision initially, with general supervision as intern gains experience.

If you are looking for a rewarding career working with interesting people on challenging engineering projects leading to valuable professional development, the Engineering Geology Division is for you.
Internships currently available: Pavement/Geotechnical Design Engineering Assistant

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
The intern will function as an engineering assistant on a design team. The team is responsible to providing pavement and geotechnical design recommendations for all highways constructed, maintained, or rehabilitated by Maryland SHA. Duties will include:

- Conduct field surveys to identify and quantify pavement and soil conditions
- Review existing records to identify historical pavement conditions and construction history
- Process field and office data to establish functional and structural condition.
- Develop preliminary designs
- Attend Meetings
- Perform task-oriented assignments to write recommendations.

In addition, the intern will gain experience with SHA’s pavement management system and the process used to identify candidate projects for funding. The student will also be exposed to special studies conducted by the design team to evaluate problems/unique conditions on MD highways. This could include the evaluation of unique slope designs, embankments, slides, sinkholes, and other geological/engineering elements.

The intern will report directly to the team leader and will conduct task assignments for all team staff engineers. Work will be conducted with close supervision initially, with general supervision as intern gains experience.

Internships currently available: Pavement Management

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
The duties of the internship will involve assisting the staff of the Pavement and Geotechnical Engineering Division – Pavement Management Section with various duties as follows:

- ARAN pavement condition data processing, including Wisecrax processing applying pattern recognition techniques in order to pick up pavement crack information from pavement images;
- Processing pavement construction and paving unit cost data and information to data fill Pavement Management Database.
- Development of pavement system preservation reports and Key Performance Areas (KPA) reports to provide updated rehabilitation progress and network level pavement condition information.
- Traveling across Maryland- working with district construction and maintenance personnel collecting pavement accomplishments and our field units collecting pavement condition data

Those taking advantage of this intern opportunity will report directly to the pavement management team leaders. Work will be conducted with close supervision initially, with progressively less supervision as you gain experience.
Internships currently available: New Products & Research – Engineering Assistant

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
The candidate will function as an Engineering Assistant on the NP&RT. This employee will support OMT’s New Products and Qualified Product evaluations as well as the OMT Deputy Director. The employee is responsible for:

- Coordinating OMT’s New Product and Qualified Product evaluations submitted for use on SHA projects
- Supporting the NP&RT in data collection essential for New & Qualified Product evaluations, data collection for implementation, and developing Work Plans for product pilot programs. Evaluations include gaining knowledge with AASHTO, ASTM, and MSMT standards.
- Product Evaluation: Work with technical leads to evaluate product applications submitted by vendors and/or manufacturers. Develops reports and work plans as needed in the evaluation process.

Internships currently available: New Products & Research Engineering Assistant

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
This position will work with the current New Products & Research (NP&R) engineers on various project level tasks. Duties will include, but are not limited to project management, supporting research activities, attending project-level team meetings, and other miscellaneous office tasks.

- Assist with the coordination of OMT’s research projects, Experimental Features Program, Long Term Pavement Performance Program and New Products submitted for field evaluation and project expenditures.
- Reports – Review research reports, problem statements, NCHRP topics, monitor NTPEP programs for potential implementation. Work with technical leads at OMT in research projects and assist new products engineer when required.
- Material Research – Investigate specific research projects and products to determine if MD or any other state have conducted similar evaluations on a state or national level.

Internships currently available: Soils and Aggregate Technology Assistant

Majors Requested: Civil Engineering

Intern Projects/Duties:
The Soils and Aggregate Technology Division (SATD) focuses its efforts on the evaluation and approval of all soils, aggregates, geotextiles and recycled materials used on MDSHA contracts. This includes laboratory testing, field quality assurance, special studies and troubleshooting. SATD works closely with the Materials Management Division to ensure coordination between the Office of Materials Technology and District personnel for quality assurance and acceptance of construction materials. We also work closely with construction personnel in the placement of these materials.
SATD is seeking engineering interns for the Laboratory Operations Team. The activities of the Laboratory Operations Team include soils and rock aggregate testing and research in support of the planning, design, construction and maintenance of highway infrastructure projects statewide. The intern will be part of the SATD Laboratory Operations Team providing support to the Division Chief, Assistant Division Chief, as well as Soils and Aggregate Laboratory Team Leaders and other staff.

Duties
The intern will perform most of the work in the laboratory environment and some office and field duties/tasks. The duties/tasks will include the following:

- Applying commonly used soil and aggregate sampling and testing standards and procedures, such as the American Society of Testing and Materials and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to characterize materials, including:
  - Atterberg Limit
  - Moisture Content
  - Specific Gravity
  - Material Classification
  - Grain Size Analysis
  - Soil Strength
  - Rock Strength
- Geotextile Testing and Acceptance
- Data Analysis
- Literature Review
- Technical Report Preparation and Review
- Approval of Soil and Aggregate Sources
- Assisting Field Operations Team in Field QA (Moisture and Density Equipment and Technician Verification)

Projects the intern will be expected to participate in:
- Aggregate Friction Research
- Soil Modulus Testing and Research
- MD SHA Active Construction Projects – Material Testing and Approval of Soil and Aggregate Sources
- MD SHA Preliminary Engineering Projects - Material Testing and Approval of Soil and Aggregate Sources
- Project Site and Plant Visits

Internship Learning Objectives:
The learning objectives of the internship include:
- Hands-on training in soils and aggregate technology in an environment that fosters professional growth
- Ability to interpret geotechnical engineering data as they pertain to highway infrastructure planning, design and construction
- Learning and applying methods of laboratory quality control and quality assurance, including sample and data management
- Becoming familiar with the culture, modes of communication, chain of command and protocols of working with industry, engineers, technicians, designers and project managers in a multicultural environment
Internships currently available: Pavement Marking Engineering

**Majors Requested:** Civil Engineering

**Intern Projects/Duties:**

The duties of the internship will involve assisting the staff of the Structural Materials & Pavement Markings Division – *(Pavement Marking Section)* with various duties as follows:

- Evaluating the properties of pavement marking materials used on Maryland roadways in the field.
- Supporting the pavement marking asset management with data entry into the computer system.
- Some field work may require night work, infrequent or out of town travel.
- Updating or creating charts to report Pavement marking production.
- Research efforts towards new or existing pavement markings

Interested applicants should have a strong aptitude & interest in computers and engineering.

The intern will report directly to the team leaders and will conduct task assignments for all team staff engineers. Work will be conducted with close supervision initially, with general supervision as intern gains experience.

Internships currently available: Structural Materials and Metals & Coatings Engineering

**Majors Requested:** Civil Engineering

The duties of the internship will involve assisting the staff of the Structural Materials & Pavement Markings Division – *(Structural Materials and Metals & Coatings Section)* with various duties as follows:

- Evaluating the properties of structural materials used on Maryland roadways in the lab and field (Bridges, Sign Structures, Etc.).
- Work will include a mix of time in the office creating spreadsheets & data entry, lab testing of structural materials, and field quality assurance inspection of metals & coatings materials.
- Some field work may require night work, infrequent or out of town travel.
- Interested applicants should have a strong aptitude & interest in computers, mechanics, welding, testing & **not be afraid of heights**.

The intern will report directly to the team leaders and will conduct task assignments for all team staff engineers. Work will be conducted with close supervision initially, with general supervision as intern gains experience.

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Office of Environmental Design

Location – Baltimore Headquarters, 707 N. Calvert St.

The Office of Environmental Design’s (OED) mission is to incorporate environmental design, compliance and stewardship as a fundamental and integral component of highway planning, design, construction and maintenance.

Internships currently available: Landscape Architecture Division

Requirements: Landscape Architecture Major, At least third year undergraduate, or second year graduate student

The mission of the Landscape Architecture Division is to provide landscape architectural design solutions for highway projects that improve the appearance, functionality, and environmental merit for all users.

Intern Projects/Duties:
Nature of Work / Job Duties – Work for licensed Landscape Architects responsible for the design and development of plans, specifications, and estimates incorporating landscape architecture related projects along MD highways as support to other offices or as the project lead. Projects include rest areas, park and rides, welcome centers, highway landscaping, tree and forest mitigation, Chesapeake Bay critical areas mitigation, historic site restoration, and aesthetic treatment of bridges, walls, and other landscape elements. Position will entail roadside field work as well as office work.

Internships currently available: Environmental Compliance Division

Requirements: Civil or Environmental Engineering Major OR Environmental Science Major OR GIS Major

The mission of the Environmental Compliance Division is to ensure that all SHA facilities and operations achieve sustainable multi-media environmental compliance with State, Federal, and Local environmental permits, laws and regulations.

Intern Projects/Duties:
Nature of Work / Job Duties – Work with teams responsible for ensuring that all SHA facilities and operations achieve and maintain multi-media environmental compliance with State, Federal and Local environmental permits, laws, regulations, and Best Management Practices. The Division also provides environmental compliance resources, oversight/guidance, environmental technical expertise and environmental training programs for facility employees. ECD is also responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure sustained compliance in conducting highway and facility operations.
Internships currently available: Water Programs Division

Requirements: Civil or Environmental Engineering Major OR Environmental Science Major OR GIS Major

The mission of the **Water Resource Division** is to implement a well-coordinated and dynamic environmental restoration program that fully outlines the State Highway Administration's contribution to restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding watershed, by the year 2025.

**Intern Projects/Duties:**
Nature of Work / Job Duties—Support the mission of this Division by supporting the delivery of the TMDL Program. TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads) describes a measurement of the amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards. SHA’s water quality projects are part of the national [Clean Water Act](https://www.epa.gov/cleanwater) that requires states to establish a list of impaired waters and develop projects to help reduce pollutants and nutrients from entering streams and tributaries. Scientists calculate the maximum amount of pollution that a waterway can receive while still maintaining safe water quality in a measure called “Total Maximum Daily Load” (TMDL). In addition to tree planting, SHA is installing bioswales, building new and retrofitting existing SWM facilities, restoring streams and stabilizing outfalls to meet NPDES MS4 and TMDL requirements. The intern will learn how to use GIS resources to identify existing and proposed facilities as well as track pollutant load reductions, site searches and impervious restoration.

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Office of Construction

Location: Hanover Construction Headquarters, 7450 Traffic Drive
Note: Positions available throughout the State of Maryland

The **Office of Construction** (OOC): Provides oversight statewide for SHA’s Construction Program, sets policy and support all SHA offices that contribute to building a safe, mobile highway system that enhances Maryland’s communities, economy and the environment.

**Internships currently available: Construction Inspection Division (CID)**

**Requirements:** Civil Engineering Major or Construction Management

Note: Students who are underclassmen at a school that offer Civil engineering as a major and can not specify the major until they are upperclassmen are also eligible.

- Must have a valid State driver’s license and a reliable vehicle.
- Must commit to 40-hours per week.

**Position:** Construction Inspector

This program offers paid hands-on experience while working outdoors with CID project engineers. The work will entail inspecting bridges and highways to ensure contract specifications are followed throughout SHA’s seven districts.

Selected applicants will perform a variety of technical engineering support tasks earning $13.76 - $16.65 per hour, as well as **commute mileage** (currently at .535¢ per mile).

**Nature of Work / Job Duties:**

This is the entry level of work performing a variety of technical engineering support tasks. Specific duties depend on job assignments and may include, in a learning capacity: inspecting construction and maintenance projects; performing tests on soils and materials; evaluating methods for maintenance operations; serving on a survey crew; contract specifications and construction notes; calculating quantities for construction projects and maintenance activities; reading plans, maps, or right of way plats; and collecting and recording traffic and planning data.

Interns work under the continuing supervision of an engineer or higher-level engineering technician. Working conditions vary, depending on assignments; and are performed in the office or in the field during survey and inspection assignments with exposure to varying weather conditions and rough terrain with requirements for walking, standing, bending, and lifting loads weighing up to 40 lbs. This position may also be required to work nights and weekends. This work may require working in close proximity with traffic on Maryland highways; requires hand/eye coordination in the efficient operation of computers and other office machines, survey and other equipment.

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