

Interested in gaining experience in a federal agency? Join the OSMRE/AmeriCorps Team!



\$5,700

Value of AmeriCorps Education Award earned by each OSMRE/AmeriCorps

120

Days that AmeriCorps Members might be eligible for non-compete status

50%

Of 2014-2015 OSMRE/AmeriCorps were hired on in a federal position

Learn More

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Since Summer 2014, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) and AmeriCorps have partnered to place full-time, college educated Members with host OSMRE offices. The OSMRE/AmeriCorps Program aims to build capacity and better support the agency's mission while providing young professionals with an opportunity to gain experience with a regulatory agency.

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward; they serve their members by creating jobs and providing pathways to opportunity for young people entering the workforce. AmeriCorps places young adults into intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship. These positions last for one year.

Past Projects Include:

- Geographic information system (GIS)
- Mapping of Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites
- Georeferencing historic mine land maps
- Conducting wildlife surveys on mine lands
- Planning and implementing tree plantings on AML sites
- Reviewing and assessing the current status of mine lands monitored by OSMRE.



OSMRE/AmeriCorps Member reviewing Abandoned Mine Land Map with OSMRE staff member



OSMRE/AmeriCorps Members taking water quality samples outside Knoxville, TN

What do AmeriCorps Members get?

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps Members receive:

- Living stipend of \$300 per week
- The potential to obtain non-competitive eligibility for federal employment (valid for 120 days upon completion of service)
- Student loan forbearance while serving
- Workers compensation
- Health benefits
- Childcare assistance
- A \$5,700 AmeriCorps Education Award
- Access to graduate programs with special programming for AmeriCorps Members

"The OSMRE/AmeriCorps Program provided me with the opportunity to not only provide national service to my country but to refine my specialized skills in my field of study." - Aubrey Hallmark, 2014-2015 OSMRE/AmeriCorps Member who is now a full time OSMRE employee