



SUMMER RESEARCH AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship (MLEF) Program is a 10-week summer internship for undergraduate and master's students in STEM majors. As an MLEF participant you will:

- Complete a hands-on research project at one of DOE's National Laboratories or DOE Headquarters.
- Receive mentorship from engineers, scientists and DOE staff.
- Present your research at a Technical Forum.
- Receive a weekly stipend. Travel and housing assistance is also available.



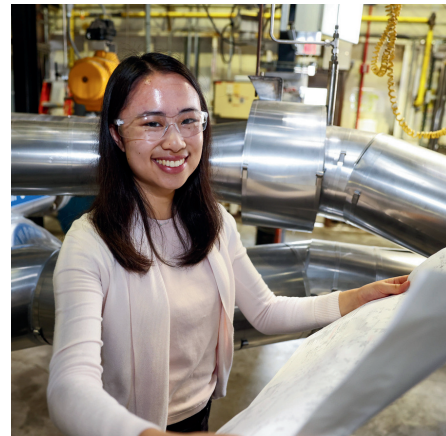
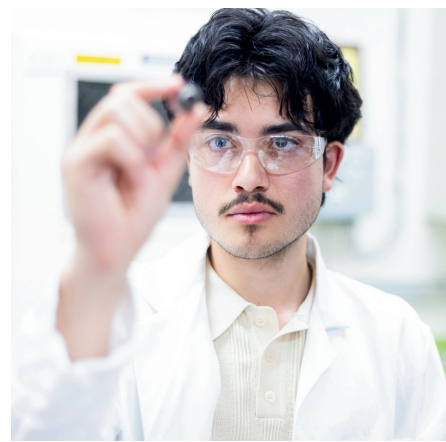
APPLY BY JANUARY 20, 2026

Learn more about the MLEF Program and how the U.S. Department of Energy is working toward strengthening the U.S. energy and critical minerals security.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 18 years of age at time of application.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8.
- Must be in the United States, its territories, or residing on a United States military base for the entire duration of the appointment, even if remote participation has been approved.
- Be currently enrolled full-time as a degree-seeking student in a STEM program at an accredited college/university at the associate, bachelor's, or master's level. Students enrolled in institutions outside of the U.S. are not eligible to apply.
- Must be classified at least a college sophomore by your college/university at the time of application. Must have completed at least one year as a matriculated undergraduate student at the time of applying. Advanced Placement credits or other undergraduate credits obtained prior to undergraduate enrollment cannot be applied to meet the minimum one-year completion requirement.
- Be available to participate in the 10-week program.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST
- **Application Status Notification:** Mid/Late April 2026
- **Participant Orientation (virtual):** May 2026
- **Participant Kick-Off:** Thursday, May 28, 2026, in Washington D.C.
- **Program Dates:** June 1 - August 7, 2026
- **Technical Forum:** August 3 - August 6, 2026, in Pittsburgh, PA

The MLEF Program may place students at one of several U.S. Department of Energy sites including but not limited to:

- U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters
- National Energy Technology Laboratory
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Idaho National Laboratory
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Appointments may be in-person or remote depending on the host site.



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