Engineering Jobs IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Sample Job Profiles

AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY (AST) - GENERAL ENGINEER
Salary Range: $56,445-$87,943
Duty Locations: Houston, TX and Las Cruces, NM
Summary: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the world’s leader in space and aeronautics is always seeking outstanding scientists, engineers, and other talented professionals to carry forward the great discovery process that its mission demands. Visit www.nasa.gov/about/career/index.html
Major Duties: Coordinate and collaborate on standard design or simulations. Participate in the specifications, acceptance testing, and evaluation of technology, equipment, or systems components. Serve as project engineer for projects of limited scope, such as those that require minor adaptation of existing methods and techniques.

PATENT EXAMINER
(ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING)
Salary Range: $34,548-$101,421
Duty Locations: Alexandria, VA
Major Duties: Review patent applications, research similar prior inventions and technologies and compare to invention claimed in new patent application, communicate examination findings to inventors.

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★ Agencies are authorized to help repay up to $10,000 of a loan per year, up to $60,000 total per employee.
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FIND AND APPLY FOR FEDERAL JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS ONLINE
MakingtheDifference.org provides valuable information and resources about job and internship opportunities in the federal government. On the site you’ll find more information about federal agencies, an overview of the benefits of federal service, a directory of federal internships, “hot jobs” and “cool internships,” tips for finding and applying for federal jobs, and much more. Plus, you’ll see how federal employees are making the difference every day.
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BONUS AND PROMOTION PROGRAMS
★ Recruitment Bonuses: Bonus of up to 25% of the base salary to a new employee if the position is hard to fill
★ Relocation Bonuses: Relocation bonus of up to 25%
★ Accelerated Promotions: Agencies may offer a one-time accelerated promotion for entry level hires

EXAMPLE PROGRAMS
The National Nuclear Security Administration’s Future Leaders Program offers a recruitment bonus of $6,000 and GS employees may receive an accelerated promotion after the first six months of employment.
The Professional Development Program with the Federal Highway Administration offers travel and relocation assistance to cover moving. Recipients of this assistance must agree to commit a minimum of one year of service.

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WHERE THE JOBS ARE
Over the next two years, our largest federal agencies project that they will hire nearly 193,000 new workers for “mission-critical” jobs.
This includes:
★ Over 8,000 engineering positions at the Department of Defense
★ 900 engineering positions at the Department of Transportation
★ 417 aerospace engineering positions at NASA
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Examples of Lab Opportunities

NATIONAL LABORATORIES JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Students with advanced degrees in engineering can also find opportunities at world-renowned National Laboratories. Find the complete list of the major National Laboratories at makingthedifference.org.

Search for internships at: makingthedifference.org/federalinternships

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★ Mechanical Engineers
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★ Electronics Engineers
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★ Nuclear Engineers
★ Computer Engineers
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