

# Governor Schweitzer's Energy Internship Program



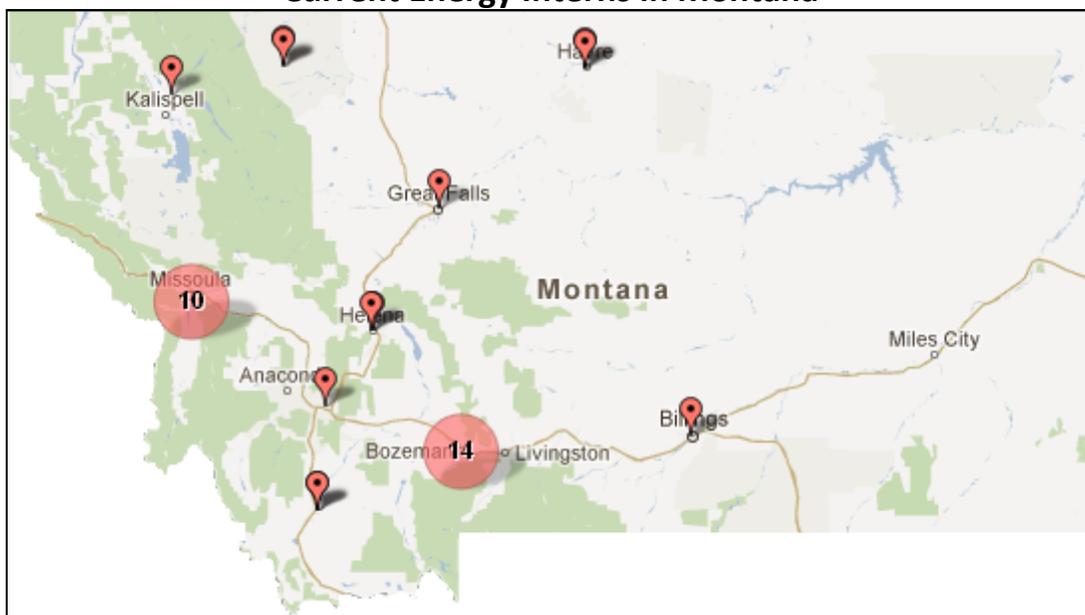
## Energy Interns in Montana...

- Gain work experience related to their studies
- Earn money for college
- Contribute to the state's booming energy sector

**Energy Interns are students Montana college students who demonstrate financial need:**

- **52 interns** will contribute more than **10,200 hours** toward energy projects
- In its first year, **28 students** participated as interns and received **\$54,000 in scholarships**
- **208 students** have applied to the program
- Applications came from **14 of the 20** Montana public and tribal post-secondary institutions

## Current Energy Interns in Montana



## The Energy Internship experience:

**Mara Menahan**, Intern Summer 2011 with *S.A.V.E. Foundation—Helena*

“As an Environmental Studies Major at the University of Montana, I am actively engaged with issues of sustainability. The Governor’s Energy Internship with Student Advocates for Valuing the Environment (S.A.V.E.), has allowed me to effectively translate the concepts I learn in the classroom into action [...]”

**Tess Barker**, Intern Spring 2012 with *Montana Audubon—Missoula*

“Perhaps one of my favorite outreach projects with Audubon was recording an audio segment for ‘In Other Words,’ a Montana Public Radio show. [...] The show gave me valuable experience in radio outreach, and it challenged me to discern how to best communicate information to listeners. This project, along with others I completed through Audubon, made me a more engaged Montana citizen interested in its energy future.”

**James Pallardy**, Intern Fall 2001 with *Montana Wind Energy Consortium (MSU)—Bozeman*

“My research project examined the effects of out-of-plane wave flaws in composite wind turbine blades in an attempt to better understand how these flaws affect overall material properties and to develop a system to rank and categorize flaws by severity and criticality. A better understanding of flaws along with a system to categorize them, if used in industry, will prevent critically flawed blades from reaching the field and will help reduce the amount of cost intensive repairs and failures of mounted wind turbine blades. “

# The Energy Internship Program builds partnerships throughout Montana!

In collaboration with the Montana Office of Economic Development and the Department of Commerce, Governor Schweitzer's Energy Internship Program has worked with businesses, nonprofits, public schools, and energy associations to generate projects and host student interns.

As of June 12, 2012, **87 host sites** are registered and there are **83 available positions**.

**Intern Host Sites are nonprofits, schools, private businesses, government, and utilities:**

**Logos and Organizations:**

- Montana State University - Northern BIO-ENERGY CENTER
- SOLAR
- NorthWestern Energy
- Sustainable Oils - Your trusted energy growth partner.
- MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
- First Interstate Bank
- THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN
- Opportunity Link - Uniting people. Linking resources. Fighting poverty.
- Solar Plexus LLC
- grasslands renewable energy
- BGB - www.BozemanGreenBuild.com - Powering the future...today
- Simple Power
- Montana Department of ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- GREAT FALLS GFS GREAT SCHOOLS

**Governor Schweitzer's Energy Intern Program provides work experience and financial assistance for Montana college students!**

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