



SUMMER OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

Participating Student Guide

<https://losangeles.ies.org/summer-observership-program/>

INTRODUCTION

The Illuminating Engineering Society of Los Angeles and Orange County will sponsor a six week Summer Observership Program that is open to lighting, architecture or electrical engineering students at an accredited university or college in the Los Angeles or Orange County metropolitan area. Candidates will be selected based on a combination of advisor recommendations, application and in-person interview with members of the IES LA and OC Boards.

OBJECTIVE

The IES LA/OC Observership Program provides the chosen students with an opportunity to spend time observing and participating in real world aspects of the professional lighting construction industry. Through the participation and support of IES Member companies, students will spend time at each of these companies observing how they fit into the overall lighting construction industry and in turn, strengthening their understanding of the industry.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

It is the commitment of the chosen student to spend six consecutive weeks during the summer (consisting of eight-hour work days - Monday to Friday) at participating host companies. Tentative dates of the program are based on both host companies and candidates schedules. Candidates will work with the daily schedules as set forth by the host companies program coordinator, and observe all aspects of each of these components. Further, upon the completion of the Observership program, the student will provide a short Program Summary describing the features and benefits of each of the components in relation to their career objectives.



INDUSTRY COMPONENTS

By spending time observing the day-to-day operations of multiple industry components, each student will achieve a broad understanding of the lighting industry as a whole, guiding their career goals.

1. Lighting Consulting and Design
2. Electrical Engineering
3. Lighting Manufacturing
4. Lighting Sales Agency (Manu. Rep)
5. Lighting Equipment Distribution

OBSERVERSHIP CONTACTS

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Participants will be financially compensated for their participation in the program to total \$3,600. Compensation will be distributed every two weeks with final payment upon the Boards receipt of a completed Program Summary.

APPLICATIONS

All applications must be received by the Observership Committee by April 30th. Please see all application instructions and documents below. Submit completed Application Form along with other related documents to:

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Application deadline is April 30th. Final student Observer selections will be made no later than May 17, following in-person interviews. Final date TBD according to availability of applicants.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ieslainternshipchair@gmail.com.



IES LOS ANGELES SECTION ORANGE COUNTY SECTION

2024 OBSERVERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To apply for this IES Los Angeles Section and Orange County Section 2024 Summer Observership, please submit the following:

1. A cover letter describing why you believe you are qualified to receive this Observership.
2. A current resume.
3. The following questionnaire completed with information requested.

Questionnaire

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ / _____ / _____

COLLEGE OR _____

UNIVERSITY MAJOR _____

ADVISOR-REFERRING PROFESSOR _____

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION _____

DATES OF AVAILABILITY FOR OBSERVERSHIP – From _____, to _____

PREFERENCE OF LOCATION FOR OBSERVERSHIP (LA OR OC) _____

COMPUTER PROGRAMS WITH WHICH YOU ARE PROFICIENT:

____ Microsoft Word or other word processing programs

____ Microsoft Excel or other spreadsheet programs

____ AutoCAD

____ Photoshop

____ WYSIWYG (Cast Lighting)

____ AGI32 (Lighting Design Software)

____ Other: _____

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