



Summer Internship Opportunity

Department: Engineering – Planning, Design, Construction & Environmental Support

Reports to: Vice President, Engineering & Capital Development

Application Deadline:

Time Commitment: June 1, 2026 – August 7, 2026 (10 Weeks)
Daily/weekly hours in compliance with university requirements

The Port of Cleveland is one of the largest ports on the Great Lakes. Over 23,000 jobs and \$7.07 billion in annual economic activity are tied to the roughly 13 million tons of cargo that move through Cleveland Harbor each year. The Port of Cleveland is the only local government agency whose sole mission is to spur job creation and economic vitality in Cuyahoga County. The Port is an economic engine for our community, a key to Northeast Ohio’s global competitiveness, and a crucial partner in building Cuyahoga County’s future.

The Port fosters job creation and economic vitality in Greater Cleveland. Our maritime services and assets add value and results in a competitive advantage for regional firms to compete globally. The Port also tackles challenges tied directly to jobs, quality of life, and environmental sustainability through innovative development financing services and selective public investments in critical harbor projects.

General Summary

The Port of Cleveland is seeking a highly motivated Engineering Intern to support a range of infrastructure, environmental, and capital improvement projects across Port facilities. This position provides practical experience in planning, design, and construction management while contributing to initiatives that advance safe, efficient, and sustainable maritime operations.

The intern will work alongside Port engineering, operations, and environmental staff, as well as consultants and contractors, with exposure to major efforts including the Warehouse A Modernization, Clean Ports Grant initiatives, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) sediment management activities, and rehabilitation of the Port’s bulk terminal processing facility.

Essential Functions & Responsibilities:

- Assist with planning, design, and construction oversight for active capital projects.
- Support engineering staff in reviewing drawings, specifications, schedules, and cost estimates.
- Participate in field inspections, site walks, and construction progress documentation.

- Contribute to environmental components of Port projects, including:
 - Sediment removal, transport, and placement at the Port's Sediment Processing and Management Facility (SPMF).
 - Data collection and analysis related to environmental compliance, sustainability, and permitting.
 - Research on clean port operations and emissions-reduction strategies.
- Assist with grant-related tasks, including grant review, compliance tracking, reporting, and drafting application materials.
- Prepare technical memoranda, summaries, and presentations for internal and external stakeholders.
- Support coordination with consultants, contractors, and regulatory agencies, including USACE and state environmental authorities.
- Conduct research on engineering, environmental, and maritime topics relevant to Port initiatives.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:

- Interest or coursework in environmental science, sustainability, or coastal/marine systems.
- Strong analytical, organizational, and problem-solving abilities.
- Comfortable working in both office and field environments.
- Familiarity with CAD, GIS, or engineering analysis tools is preferred.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent communication skills and adaptability are required to succeed in this environment.
- Ability to work collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams.

Qualifications:

- Currently pursuing a degree in Civil, Environmental, Mechanical, Industrial, or related Engineering field; Environmental Science students with strong technical skills are also encouraged to apply.

Compensation: \$15/hour

Benefits of this Internship Opportunity:

The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our office is located in downtown Cleveland, in a renovated historic building near the east bank of the Flats within the Warehouse District. Free parking is provided for employees and the office is convenient for those who seek mass transit alternatives.

Please send cover letter and resume to info@portofcleveland.com by April 6, 2026.