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Labor Economist- Workforce & Economic Development



# Idaho National Laboratory – Creating a Secure, Resilient, Clean Energy Future

Battelle Energy Alliance manages INL for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy



### **DOE National Laboratories**





### Accelerating advanced reactor demonstration & deployment



### Ambitious goals to mitigate climate change: Achieving "net-zero" at INL by 2031

- President Biden has set a goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by no later than 2050 and limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius
- Steps in reaching this goal require the U.S. to achieve
  - 100 percent carbon pollution-free electricity by 2035
  - Net-zero economy wide by 2050
- Must be achieved while...
  - Investing in infrastructure
  - Fueling an economic recovery job creation
  - Advancing environmental justice
  - Bolstering domestic supply chains

### What is "net-zero"?

"Net-zero" refers to a target of completely negating the amount of greenhouse gases produced by human activity, to be achieved by reducing emissions and implementing methods of absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere



### **Annual Projected Openings**

# 2,853 Total Anticipated Openings

Openings	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Grand Total
New Position	456	381	237	177	187	1444
Replacement	441	265	272	262	175	1409
Grand Total	897	646	509	439	362	2853

These openings include <u>research</u> and <u>enablement</u> positions depicting workforce needs that range vastly in *educational levels*, *experience* and *background*.



## **Projected Openings by Work Family**

Total Anticipated Openings Through FY26





### **Top INL Nuclear Related Jobs**

#### **Occupation- Engineering**

Nuclear Research Facility Engineer

Nuclear Reactor Engineer

**Mechanical Engineer** 

**Chemical Engineer** 

**Electrical Engineer** 

#### **Occupation- Technician**

**Nuclear Facility Operator** 

Health Physics Technician

Nuclear Reactor Operator

**Quality Inspection Technician** 

Systems Operators & Technicians

Grid Technicians & Installers

Occupation- Others
Installation & Repair
Security Officers
Laborer
Project Managers
Welders
Machinists
Data Analysts
Cyber Risk Analysts



Utilize this Nuclear Careers tool at: <u>https://prezi.com/view/BwzXXBsOw6hZBQKBDFCq/</u>

### **Opportunities for Students**



#### Internships

• INL's internship programs hire over 500 students annually.

• Paid opportunities are available in a wide range of STEM and other fields for high school, undergraduate and graduate students.



#### INL Graduate Fellowships

Work at INL while pursuing an advanced degree, including salary and tuition coverage.
The INL Graduate Fellowship program helps identify and recruit exceptional talent in research areas aligned with INL's strategic agenda.



#### Postdoctoral Appointments

Postdocs are provided a mentored research experience and the highest quality of training to prepare the participants for transition to research independence.
INL has multiple Distinguished Postdoctoral Appointments for outstanding candidates.



#### Office of Science Programs

• Externally-funded opportunities are available through Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists (WDTS), including the Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI), Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) programs, and the Community College Internship programs (CCI).

### Learn more about Student Opportunities at Careers and Job Openings (inl.gov)

### **Opportunities for Faculty**



#### Academic Visitors/Visiting Researchers

INL's academic visitors program promotes collaboration and interaction between lab researchers – and research programs – and university staff. This program allows university personnel, with no funding or contracts with INL, access to security plans and badging needed to access INL facilities. Opportunities include guest lectures, research collaborations, and more.



#### Joint Appointments

• A joint appointment is an arrangement in which a researcher has formal ties to both INL and a university. These partnerships enhance collaboration, as joint appointees conduct research and development at both home and host institutions.

Researchers benefit by having access to INL employees, facilities and resources, while working in a university research setting that fosters creativity, entrepreneurship, and access to a broad academic research network.



#### Office of Science Programs

• Through the DOE Office of Science programs for Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists (WDTS), INL participates in the Visiting Faculty Program (VFP). This program seels to increase the research competitiveness of faculty members and their students at institutions historically underrepresented in the research community in order to expand the workforce vital to the DOE mission areas.

Learn more about partnering with INL at Partnering with INL - INL

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