The Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) major at the University of Illinois prepares students to enter environmental professions in every arena: consulting, government, corporate, and non-profit. Students can determine the type of position that best suits their interests and personalities, whether they desire a career primarily based in field work, an office, or a laboratory.

NRES students are exposed to a variety of career opportunities. The department provides guidance to help students maximize their educational experience. For example, NRES 108: "Environmental Science and Natural Resource Careers," helps students explore and prepare for different careers.

CAREERS in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Career Preparation Opportunities

INTERNSHIPS
NRES students have recently interned for Caterpillar, Inc., Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Wired2Fish. If desired, students can earn credit for their work and experience by enrolling in the "NRES 293 Professional Internship" course.

FIELD COURSES
Field-based, active learning is a bedrock principle of the NRES program. Every student is required to take two "NRES 285 Field Experience" courses to develop their professional skills and apply classroom knowledge.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Illinois offers student organizations that provide experiences valued by potential employers. Some of the best organizations for gaining these experiences include Illini Foresters, Illinois Business Consulting, Red Bison, Students for Environmental Concerns, Student Sustainability Committee, and The Wildlife Society. There is also a Sustainability Living-Learning Community in University Housing at the Lincoln Avenue Residence Halls.

CAREER EXPLORATION
NRES students have access to an entire network of career exploration resources. The Career Center provides workshops and research resources to assist, and the ACES Career Center offers personal career advising. NRES offers a number of career and/or graduate school sessions each semester. In addition, they publish career information and advice, including recordings of the career and/or graduate school sessions, on the NRES Career Information Blog at [go.illinois.edu/NRESCareerInfo](http://go.illinois.edu/NRESCareerInfo).

POSITION LISTINGS
The University of Illinois maintains an extensive, international job database, called I-Link that all Illinois students and alumni can access. In addition to positions found there, students can explore positions sent to the NRES department on the NRES Career Information Blog at [go.illinois.edu/NRESCareerInfo](http://go.illinois.edu/NRESCareerInfo).

To learn more, go to [NRES.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://NRES.ILLINOIS.EDU) or email nres@illinois.edu.