



2026 Summer Internship Program Employer Resources

This guide has information about the 2026 employer participants and Ameren Illinois programs and offerings that your business or organization may be eligible to participate in.

A to Z Heating and Air

A to Z Heating and Air provides residential and commercial heating and cooling services, including HVAC installation, repair, replacement, maintenance, indoor air quality solutions and emergency services throughout Decatur and the surrounding Central Illinois communities. The company is committed to delivering reliable, customized HVAC solutions with trained technicians who service all makes and models, while emphasizing quality workmanship and customer satisfaction.



Location:
Decatur, Illinois



Website:
atozheatandair.com



Intern:
Ferita Anderson



Employer:
Robert Jackson

ACES Lighting

ACES Lighting specializes in commercial lighting installation, maintenance, repair and LED retrofit services, helping businesses improve energy efficiency, safety and the appearance of their facilities. The company is committed to providing reliable, high-quality lighting solutions and responsive customer service tailored to the needs of commercial clients.



Location:
Mapleton, Illinois



Intern:
Aleah Bethel



Employer:
Albert Callaway

Adult Teen and Challenge Greater Midwest

Adult and Teen Challenge Greater Midwest provides a comprehensive, faith-based residential recovery program that helps individuals overcome life-controlling addictions and behavioral challenges while promoting mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. The organization equips participants with life skills, vocational training and transitional support to help them successfully reintegrate into their communities as productive, self-sufficient individuals.



Location:
East Peoria, Illinois



Website:
atcgm.org



Intern:
Gage Schroeder



Employer:
Dan Gavin

Alegna Inc.

Alegna Inc. is a minority-owned business that provides energy efficiency products and solutions, supporting commercial, industrial and government clients with services that promote sustainable and cost-effective operations. The company is committed to delivering high-quality products, dependable service and innovative solutions that help organizations improve energy performance while meeting operational needs.



Location:
Peoria, Illinois



Website:
alegnainc.net



Intern:
Reginald Postlewaite



Employer:
Hosea Washington

Aluma Media

Aluma Media is a woman-owned full-service video production and photography studio that specializes in cinematic storytelling, creating commercial videos, instructional content, event recaps, documentaries, drone footage and professional photography for businesses and organizations. Their team partners with clients from concept to final delivery, producing authentic, high-quality visual content that helps organizations effectively communicate their mission and engage their audiences.



Location:
Peoria, Illinois



Website:
alumamedia.com



Intern:
Ava Knedler



Employer:
Allison Walsh

Alpha Supply Corp.

Alpha Supply Corporation is an electrical supply distributor serving contractors and commercial customers across Southern Illinois. As an active Ameren Illinois Program Ally, Alpha Supply Corp. participates in the Midstream (Instant Incentives), Small Business Direct Install (SBDI) and Standard Energy Efficiency Programs, and has supported millions of dollars in energy efficiency projects.



Location:
Litchfield, Illinois



Website:
alphasupply.net



Intern:
Lucas McNece



Employer:
Brian Barnhart

Ascendant Facility Partners, LLC

Ascendant Facility Partners provides engineer-led, comprehensive energy solutions that help schools, government agencies, healthcare facilities and other organizations reduce operating costs through guaranteed energy savings, energy audits, HVAC and lighting upgrades, building automation and performance contracting. The company delivers customized, data-driven solutions backed by ongoing measurement and verification, allowing clients to modernize their facilities, improve efficiency and reinvest energy savings into their core mission.



Location:
Paducah, Kentucky
(doing work in Anna and
Springfield, Illinois)



Website:
ascendantfacilitypartners.com



Intern:
Tyler Knisley



Employer:
Russ Litsinger

Bruening Heating, A/C and Fireplaces

Bruening Heating, A/C and Fireplaces provides residential and commercial HVAC services, including heating and cooling installation, repair, maintenance, indoor air quality solutions, fireplaces, and energy-efficient system upgrades throughout the Quincy and Mendon areas. The family-owned company is committed to delivering dependable service through highly trained and certified technicians while emphasizing quality workmanship, customer satisfaction and long-term comfort solutions.



Location:
Mendon, Illinois &
Quincy, Illinois



Website:
brueningheating.com



Intern:
Avery Frese



Employer:
Chad Bruening

CDS Maintenance LLC

CDS Maintenance provides commercial and residential maintenance services, specializing in janitorial services, facility maintenance, construction support and property improvement solutions tailored to the needs of businesses and organizations. The company is committed to delivering dependable, high-quality workmanship and responsive services that help clients maintain safe, clean and well-functioning facilities. CDS Maintenance administers the Ameren Illinois Accessibility Program and is expanding to other income-qualified residential programs.



Location:
Hudson, Illinois



Intern:
Matt Saner



Employer:
Starr and Bill Goptop

Cors Lighting

Cors Lighting specializes in commercial and industrial lighting solutions, offering a wide selection of LED fixtures, light bulbs, parking lot lighting, warehouse lighting, sports lighting and energy-efficient products for businesses across a variety of industries. The company is committed to providing expert lighting consultation, competitive pricing and dependable customer service to help clients select high-quality lighting solutions that meet their operational needs.



Location:
Jacksonville, Illinois



Website:
corslighting.com



Intern:
Evan Cors



Employer:
Brad Cors

Green Titans Energy LLC

Green Titans Energy specializes in energy-efficient solutions that help residential and commercial customers reduce energy consumption through services such as energy assessments, weatherization, insulation and other efficiency improvements. The company is committed to promoting sustainability by providing reliable, cost-effective solutions that enhance building performance while helping clients lower their energy costs.



Location:
Cahokia, Illinois



Intern:
Earl Smith Jr.



Employer:
Sarah Schlafly

Horizon Lighting LLC

Horizon Lighting provides commercial and residential lighting services, specializing in lighting installation, maintenance, repairs and energy-efficient LED solutions designed to improve the functionality and appearance of homes and businesses. The company is committed to delivering dependable service, quality workmanship and customized lighting solutions that meet each client's unique needs.



Location:
Mapleton, Illinois



Intern:
Will Emhoff



Employer:
Evan Hickerson

Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the growth and success of Black-owned businesses through advocacy, business development, networking opportunities and access to educational and economic resources. The organization collaborates with public and private partners to strengthen entrepreneurship, expand economic opportunities and promote sustainable business growth throughout Illinois.



Location:
Peoria, Illinois



Website:
ilbcc.org



Intern:
Rayshon White



Employer:
Janis Ivory

Macoupin County

Macoupin County is located in West-Central Illinois between St. Louis and Springfield. Home to about 44,000 residents, the county seat is Carlinville. The region offers affordable homeownership and a quiet lifestyle, with an economy historically driven by agriculture and historic Route 66 passing through its eastern border. Macoupin County hired an intern through the Ameren Illinois MDI Summer Internship Program to help identify energy efficiency and clean energy opportunities within all county departments such as: energy and HVAC upgrades within facilities, cleaner fuel fleet grants, economic development initiatives and more.



Location:
Carlinville, Illinois



Website:
macoupincountyil.gov



Intern:
Weston Kuykendall



Employer:
Joseph Chirawa

Mucciante Heating & Cooling

Mucciante Heating & Cooling provides residential and light commercial HVAC services, including heating and air conditioning installation, repair, maintenance, indoor air quality solutions and emergency service throughout Pekin, Peoria and the surrounding Central Illinois communities. The company is committed to delivering honest pricing, dependable workmanship and high-quality customer service through licensed technicians who prioritize long-term comfort and reliable HVAC solutions.



Location:
Pekin, Illinois



Website:
mucciantehvac.com



Intern:
Kevin Bishop



Employer:
Ryan Master

Pryor Contracting, LLC

Pryor Contracting is a construction company that provides residential and commercial contracting services, specializing in new construction, remodeling, framing, drywall, plastering and general construction projects. The company is committed to delivering quality craftsmanship and dependable construction solutions while serving clients throughout Southern Illinois.



Location:
Carbondale, Illinois



Intern:
Samaria Gosa



Employer:
Earl Pryor

Senior Services Plus

Senior Services Plus is a nonprofit organization that provides a wide range of programs and services for older adults, including in-home care, Meals on Wheels, transportation, wellness programs, caregiver support and community resources that promote healthy, independent living. The organization partners with local agencies and community organizations to enhance the quality of life for seniors by connecting them with essential services, educational opportunities and supportive care throughout the St. Louis Metro East region. They are an Ameren Illinois MDI CBO Partner and an Energy Efficiency Program Ally.



Location:
Alton, Illinois



Website:
seniorservicesplus.org



Intern:
Asad Shafique



Employer:
Hailey Wright

Solar Workforce Development LLC

Solar Workforce Development provides hands-on training and workforce development programs that prepare individuals and businesses for careers in the solar energy industry, with a focus on photovoltaic system installation, safety and solar sales. The organization is dedicated to expanding the clean energy workforce by equipping participants with the technical skills and industry knowledge needed to succeed in the growing renewable energy sector.



Location:
Sparta, Illinois



Intern:
Chris Miller



Employer:
Samuel Freidhof

The Immigration Project

The Immigration Project is a nonprofit organization that provides affordable immigration legal services, consultations, citizenship assistance, family reunification support and educational resources to immigrants and refugees across Central and Southern Illinois. The organization partners with communities throughout its 86-county service area to improve access to justice, protect immigrant rights and help individuals and families navigate the immigration process with high-quality legal representation and support. They are an Ameren Illinois MDI CBO Partner.



Location:
Normal, Illinois



Website:
immigrationproject.org



Intern:
Catherine Serrano



Employer:
Sarah Mellor

Tri-County Peoria Urban League

The Tri-County Peoria Urban League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life for individuals and families through workforce development, education, housing assistance, youth programs and community services. The organization partners with employers, educational institutions and community organizations to promote self-sufficiency, strengthen communities and expand access to employment and economic opportunities throughout Central Illinois. They are an Ameren Illinois MDI CBO Partner.



Location:
Peoria, Illinois



Website:
tcpul.com



Intern:
Nationn Jordan



Employer:
Felisa Durr

Wellmade Communications

Wellmade Communications provides low-voltage infrastructure solutions for commercial clients, specializing in structured cabling, fiber optic installation, security camera systems, access control, network wiring and telecommunications services. The company has expanded its services to include solar operations and maintenance, which is critical to ensuring that solar assets continue to operate efficiently, safely and at peak performance throughout their lifecycle. Wellmade Communications offers services such as solar panel cleaning and preventative maintenance, system inspections, performance monitoring, tilt and orientation assessments, vegetation management and site maintenance, safety compliance reviews and asset management support.



Location:
Flossmoor, Illinois



Website:
mywellmade.com



Intern:
Amari Beard



Employer:
Kartez Watts

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Energy Efficiency Program

The Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program helps residential and business customers reduce energy costs through rebates, energy assessments, efficient equipment upgrades and incentives that improve comfort and manage energy usage. The program partners with communities, contractors and businesses to promote energy efficiency, lower carbon emissions and strengthen Illinois' economy.

Market Development Initiative

The Ameren Illinois Market Development Initiative (MDI) is a community-focused program that expands access to energy efficiency and clean energy opportunities by connecting individuals, employers and community organizations with workforce development, internships, scholarships and business support services. Through strategic partnerships, the initiative helps build a skilled clean energy workforce, supports small businesses and increases participation in energy-saving programs across the Ameren Illinois service territory.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Savings and Incentives

From programs designed to help you earn credits on your bill to detailed information about incentives, rebates, and tax credits, Ameren Illinois has a variety of charging programs available to residential and business customers. EV Partners can help to find the right charging and installation solution for your needs.

Program Ally Contractors

Contractors that work in the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program are referred to as Program Allies. They assist customers with equipment installs, repairs and services. Program Allies receive access to free technical training, project support, lead generation, marketing support and more.

Community-Based Organization

Ameren Illinois Community-Based Organization (CBO) Partners and collaborates with local nonprofits to expand access to energy efficiency programs, clean energy resources and community outreach throughout the Ameren Illinois service territory. These partnerships connect residents with energy-saving opportunities, workforce development resources and clean energy initiatives.

Workforce Development

The Ameren Illinois Market Development Initiative Workforce Development Program connects jobseekers and employers through training, internships, scholarships, certifications and job placement opportunities in the clean energy industry. The program helps develop a skilled workforce while supporting employers in recruiting qualified talent across the Ameren Illinois service territory.

Procurement and Transformation Hub

The Ameren Illinois Procurement Advancement and Transformation Hub identifies, connects with and recommends local vendors that align with the clean energy needs of Ameren Illinois. The Hub helps to identify local businesses throughout the Ameren Illinois service territory by maintaining a secure database that allows users to search for vendors that meet specific needs. The team works one-on-one with individual vendors to match them with opportunities by facilitating introductions with Ameren Illinois.

Program Ally Incubator

The Ameren Illinois Program Ally Incubator helps contractors grow their businesses in the clean energy industry through business training, one-on-one coaching, mentorship and networking opportunities. The program prepares participants to become Ameren Illinois Program Allies while expanding their ability to deliver energy efficiency services throughout the Ameren Illinois service territory.

Grant Writing Support and Solutions

The Ameren Illinois Grant Writing Support and Solutions assists businesses or organizations to access federal, state, local and private funding opportunities for clean energy and energy efficiency work. Support services are available to nonprofits, community groups, small businesses, municipalities and contractors performing clean energy work.

Energize Your Town

Energize Your Town is an initiative designed to be a resource for a community to help customers reduce their energy usage and empower a brighter future. Through dedicated time with Program staff, support, education and financial incentives, Energize Your Town ensures that energy efficiency is made easy for residents and businesses. Energize Your Town collaborates with local leadership and organizations to identify opportunities, challenges and specific energy efficiency projects for the community.

Residential Program

The Residential Program includes five initiatives and 20 unique delivery channels that address key electric and natural gas uses in both single-family homes and multifamily properties.

Income Qualified Initiative

This initiative is comprised of 11 channels and one offering that assist low-income and moderate-income customers to manage their electric and natural gas energy consumption through comprehensive home weatherization services, enhanced rebates on HVAC equipment, LED lighting and direct distribution of energy saving kits. Single family homes and multifamily living units and properties with average household incomes up to 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive a free, comprehensive home assessment, including a health and safety evaluation, to identify the energy efficiency services relevant to the customer.

Market Rate Home Efficiency Initiative

Serves single-family residences in the Ameren Illinois territory seeking energy efficiency home improvements that are not eligible to participate in income-eligible initiatives.

Retail Products Initiative

Customers receive instant discounts and/or mail-in cash rebates as an incentive to upgrade to ENERGY STAR® and other qualified high-efficiency lighting products, home appliances and smart thermostats. Both income-qualified and market rate customers are qualified to receive incentives.

Fleet Assessment

A free Fleet Assessment can help you weigh options for adding electric vehicles (EVs) to your business now or in the future without obligation. Experts can help you assess the fleet electrification path that might be most beneficial for you. This program is available for a limited number of customers.

Business Program

The Business Program encompasses six initiatives and seven channels that provide incentives and services to non-residential customers, excluding exempt gas and opted-out electric customers, to achieve electric and natural gas energy savings.

Standard Business Initiative

Provides incentives to business customers that purchase energy-efficient products. Applications are filled out and delivered to Program staff via participating Program Allies and/or directly by participating customers and can be submitted in a variety of ways.

Small Business Initiative

Incentivizes the installation of energy-efficient products and retrofits performed by an open network of Program Allies. Eligibility criteria hinge on specific energy consumption benchmarks, primarily centered around delivery service rates.

For more information on the Ameren Illinois programs, visit AmerenIllinoisSavings.com or contact the Workforce Development team at workforce@ameren.com.