

Brownfields 2025 Job Training Fact Sheet

Montclair State University, Essex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 2 Brownfields Team

Phone: 212-637-4340

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/r2>

Publication Information

Office: United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Land and Emergency
Management (5105T)
Washington, D.C. 20460

**Publication
Number:** EPA 560-F-24-223
**Publication
Date:** December 2024

Job Training Grant

\$500,000.00

EPA has selected Montclair State University for a Brownfields Job Training Grant. Montclair State University plans to train 100 students and place 68 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 125 hours of instructional training, as detailed in the chart below. Students who complete the training will earn up to one state and three federal certifications. Montclair State University is targeting students within Essex and Passaic Counties, specifically veterans, women, minorities, and unemployed, underemployed, and economically underserved residents. Key partners include the Continuous Emission Monitoring Service Group, Inc., the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Passaic County Planning and Economic Development, Phase Associates, and Veolia North America.

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

Grant Recipient Information

Name: Montclair State University

Address: Montclair State University, 1
Normal Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey,
07043

Contact: Pankaj Lal, lalp@montclair.edu, (973) 655-3137

Website: <https://www.montclair.edu/>

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/
/MontclairStateUniversity](https://www.facebook.com/MontclairStateUniversity)

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/
/montclairstateu/](https://www.instagram.com/montclairstateu/)

Twitter: <https://x.com/montclairstateu>

Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/
/@montclairstateu](https://www.youtube.com/@montclairstateu)

LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/
/school/montclair-state-university/](https://www.linkedin.com/school/montclair-state-university/)

Certificates & Technical Curriculum Supported by EPA

- 40-Hour HAZWOPER
- OSHA 30-Hour for Construction
- 10-Hour Site Safety Training

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic Info Systems and Remote Sensing for Environmental Technology • GPRO Fundamentals of Building Green • Confined Space • Excavating and Trenching Awareness • Flagger Training for Construction • Maintenance and Utilities • Forklift Safety • Hand And Portable Power Tool Safety • Hand Injury Prevention • Hazard Communication • Ladder Safety • Material Handling • Back Safety and Lifting Techniques • Personal Protective Equipment • Slips, Trips, and Falls • Tree Trimming • Walking and Working Surfaces |
| Other Curriculum | |
| Additional Skills and Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview Preparation • Resume Building • Emotional Intelligence • Conflict Resolution |

Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, Tribal Nations, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states, Tribal Nations, and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Brownfields Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Job Training Grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from communities affected by environmental pollution, economic disinvestment, and brownfields and place them in environmental jobs. Since the program was created in 1998, EPA has awarded 430 job training grants totaling over \$113.1 million through Brownfield Job Training Programs. With these grants, approximately 23,460 individuals have completed training and over 17,450 individuals have been placed in careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 74 percent. The average starting wage for these jobs over the last five years is approximately \$23 an hour.

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant application; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of the information. The cooperative agreement is negotiated after the selection announcement. Therefore, the funding amount and activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.