

Who we are:

Transportation is so basic that many of us overlook its overwhelming importance in our daily lives. Practically everything used in our homes, offices, or schools across Tennessee – from furniture to food items to clothing – requires a large and complex transportation network. The Tennessee Department of Transportation provides citizens of Tennessee and travelers with one of the best transportation systems in the country. TDOT is a multimodal agency with responsibilities in building and maintaining roads, aviation, public transit, waterways, railroads, cycling and walking. Our involvement ranges from airport improvements to funding transit buses to planning for river ports. The Department of Transportation has approximately 3,500 employees with four statewide region facilities in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Jackson.



TDOT Intern
Headquarters Geodetics
Location: Nashville, TN
Compensation: \$22.00/hourly

Overview

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently hiring a student intern for the Headquarters Geodetics office located in downtown Nashville, TN. This intern will work on various projects and base mapping to learn the basics of HQ Geodetics and aerial surveys at TDOT. These projects may include aerial photogrammetry obtained by airplane or UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) or UAV LiDAR. The intern will also work with HQ Geodetics staff to learn how they support the Regions, develop policies and procedures, and maintain statewide Geodetic systems such as the CORS network and control point database.

Responsibilities

- Work alongside Geodetic personnel to learn the role of HQ Geodetics.
- Work with licensed UAV remote pilot to collect aerial imagery and LiDAR data.
- Upload and process UAV imagery in SiteScan.
- Assist with developing UAV workflows for other TDOT Divisions.
- Fly with Aerial Survey Camera Operator in airplane to obtain aerial imagery.
- Work alongside base mapping staff to review and edit seamlines and DTMs in UltraMap.
- Use ArcGIS Pro to generate reports and maps.
- Attend Fundamentals ORD training and learn some survey functions in ORD.

Minimum Qualifications

- Civil Engineering, Surveying, GIS, Computer Science, Aerospace/UAS/Drone, and related major required
- Junior, or Senior Class Status required as of May 2026 OR recent Graduate as of Spring 2025.
- Legally authorized to work in the U.S.

To be considered for this position, please visit the [TDOT Summer Internship Program](#) website and submit an application..

Please attach a two (2) page maximum résumé and a transcript to your application.

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