

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

Region 2 – Bridge Inspection

Location: Chattanooga, TN

Compensation: \$22.00/hourly

Overview

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently hiring a student intern for the Bridge Inspection section of the Region 2 office located in Chattanooga, TN. The Bridge Inspector Intern will complete a focused summer project centered on assessing, documenting, and improving understanding of the condition and performance of assigned bridge structures. The project will give the intern hands-on experience with inspection practices while producing a meaningful deliverable that supports TDOT's bridge management and maintenance decision-making.

Responsibilities

- Learn and apply bridge inspection procedures in accordance with TDOT and FHWA standards.
- Collect field data (measurements, photos, notes) during supervised bridge inspections.
- Evaluate structural elements for condition, defects, and maintenance needs.
- Organize and analyze inspection data to identify trends or priority issues.
- Develop a focused improvement or analysis component, such as documenting recurring defects, evaluating a specific structure type, or comparing current conditions to previous inspection cycles.

Minimum Qualifications

- Civil engineering 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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