As Iowa’s environmental and public health laboratory, the State Hygienic Laboratory serves all 99 counties in the state. This statewide representation is mirrored in the opportunities we provide for college-level students. Since the inception of our internship program in 2007, we have hosted interns from every corner of the state, and in some cases, from other states, too.

Our internships give students a real-world experience in a wide variety of scientific and administrative fields. This helps prepare the next generation of workers in highly specialized fields required to protect the health and preserve the environment of Iowa for Iowans.

Additionally, we provide practicums and fellowships for post-graduates. To learn more about student opportunities, go to the Education/Training section of our website (www.uhl.uiowa.edu).

Welcoming students from across the state…and beyond
Meet the class of 2010

The State Hygienic Laboratory’s internship program reached a new high in the summer of 2010 with a total of 12 students assigned to the Iowa City, Ankeny and Lakeside Lab locations.

The internship program began in 2007 to provide college students the opportunity to put their skills to work at the state’s environmental and public health laboratory. Since then 35 students have interned at the Hygienic Lab, with the record number of 12 being reached during the summer of 2010.

These students brought their youthful perspective to the Environmental Health Division, the Disease Control Division and the Administrative Support areas of the Hygienic Laboratory. Hats off to the class of 2010!

**Journalism**
A mini-internship that focused on advancing the build-out of the Lab's development of the Center for the Advancement of Laboratory Science brought Hargis to the Hygienic Lab to develop a promotional campaign designed to raise awareness of the Lab.

**Medical Technology**
As an intern in the limnology department, Homsey worked on a West Nile virus surveillance project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which gauges the prevalence of the disease using sentinel chickens.

**Chemistry**
A returning intern for the Ankeny Lab, Koestler built on her 380 volunteer hours at the Lab from 2009. This summer Koestler assisted with several analytical processes, including total Kjeldahl nitrogen digestion, ortho-phosphate, nitrate-nitrite set up, and solids analysis.

**Biology/Chemistry/Media Production**
An award-winning researcher who studied nitrate levels and nonylphenol, Bush brought his considerable science background to the Ankeny Limnology team for the study of biological, chemical and physical characteristics of aquatic ecosystems.

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**Urban and Regional Planning**
Lehman’s summer internship focused on determining the cost to the Hygienic Laboratory of performing tests. This included determining levels of profitability and financial initiatives.

**Environmental Studies**
Nieland put her environmental and natural sciences interests to work as a Limnology intern based in Ankeny where she pursued her passion for improving water quality in Iowa.

**Business Administration**
Three MBA students joined the Hygienic Lab team during the fall of 2010 to advance a process improvement plan.

The newest interns to join our team