

Shake Table Testing Student Job Description

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center – Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (ERDC-CERL) conducts numerous shake table tests. Critical equipment that must remain functional following a large earthquake is tested for private firms. Building models and other non-structural components are tested for DOD agencies. Both undergraduate and graduate students are needed to prepare for, conduct and process data for shake table tests. Their duties will include:

- 1) Process shake table test data including generating transfer functions and response spectra using Matlab.
- 2) Help with test set-up including assisting CERL staff with instrumentation.
- 3) Design test fixtures, including finite element analysis of fixtures and preparation of fabrication drawings.
- 4) Edit video of testing.
- 5) Other tasks defined by ERDC-CERL.

Most of this work will be done at ERDC-CERL, using computers supplied by CERL, and some may be done on campus if approved by the supervisor.

Graduate students typically work 50% time (20 hours per week)

Undergraduate students typically work 25% time (10 hours per week)

The ideal student would be a senior with an emphasis in structural engineering who plans to continue for a MS at UIUC, but other students should apply.

Students must be U.S. Citizens

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