Internships are an essential component of preparing prospective college graduates for entering the practice-based field of environmental health. Efforts are needed to ensure a supply of highly qualified and prepared graduates is available to sustain and strengthen the environmental health workforce. This month's cover article, “Exploring the Benefits and Value of Public Health Department Internships for Environmental Health Students,” highlights the National Environmental Public Health Internship Program and an assessment conducted with former interns and mentors to explore experiences and perspectives. Overall, the internships appeared to provide environmental health students with a well-rounded professional and practice-based experience, while health departments benefited from hosting interns with a foundational knowledge and college education in environmental health.

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