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U.S. Department of Transportation

Volpe Center

Advancing Transportation Innovation for the Public Good
Meet Volpe

Located in the culturally diverse and academically rich city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the U.S. DOT’s Volpe Center attracts motivated, talented professionals who put their expertise to work in the service of others and resolve real-world transportation problems.

The Volpe Center offers a stimulating environment where employees research, develop, and deploy state-of-the-art transportation technologies and help shape innovative policies and programs to resolve complex transportation issues. The Volpe Center is a unique federal agency that is 100 percent funded by sponsor projects, which makes it agile in its approach and entrepreneurial in its nature.

Project Highlights

Making Rail Travel Safer for Passengers: Volpe experts have investigated severe passenger-train accidents, staged impact tests, analyzed car-crush zones, and studied train and occupant dynamics to improve accident survivability.

Reducing Vehicle Crashes—At the Nexus of Policy and Technology: The Volpe Center’s work informs rulemaking, federal guidelines, and investment decisions on crash-avoidance and automated vehicle technologies that have the potential to significantly improve road safety.

Monitoring and Protecting the World’s Waterways: Developed by Volpe for the U.S. Navy, the Maritime Safety and Security Information System (MSSIS) provides invaluable aid during search and rescue missions and to help combat piracy, illegal fishing, and trafficking of people, weapons, and drugs.

Transforming the National Airspace: New entrants—such as unmanned aircraft systems and space launch and re-entry vehicles—offer unprecedented opportunities for innovation and economic growth. The Volpe Center partners with other federal agencies to engineer solutions for their safe and seamless integration into our national airspace system.
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The strength of Volpe lies almost entirely in its people: their knowledge, experience, and commitment.

World-Class Careers
Volpe is powered by transportation thought leaders, who are driven by tough challenges, dedicated to making a better transportation system, and committed to the public good.

We seek transportation professionals at all career levels who share our values and are passionate about advancing transportation innovation. Hiring staff with various backgrounds enables us to build a multidisciplinary workforce that represents a dynamic, world-class transportation resource with broad technical and institutional expertise not replicated elsewhere. Our multimodal experience allows us to consider unique approaches and champion ideas that make our sponsors’ processes more efficient, their work more effective, and their solutions more fully realized.

Internships
Volpe continually seeks talented students to join our world-class, multidisciplinary scientific and technical teams to help resolve real-world transportation problems. Our Pathways Internship Program provides paid opportunities with flexible work schedules for current students pursuing a variety of degrees. Volpe enjoys hiring staff who bring new ideas and perspectives to our work.

How to Apply
Visit the careers page on volpe.dot.gov for job openings and steps on how to apply. All Volpe Center jobs are also posted on USAjobs.gov.
Diversity & Inclusion

Volpe is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse workforce where employees feel valued for their unique backgrounds and qualities and have a sense of belonging and engagement in helping to advance transportation innovation for the public good.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Volpe maintains a model federal work environment that is free of discrimination. Volpe ensures equal employment opportunity for employees and applicants for employment, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), genetic information, age, disability, sexual orientation, or protected activity.