Get your students paid solar training with SOMAH

New state program offers paid work for solar trainees

The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program provides financial incentives for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing. Contractors participating in the SOMAH program are required to hire paid job trainees to work on SOMAH projects. Work opportunities start at 40 hours but can be longer, depending on the size of the system.

Resources and experience for your students

Job training organizations throughout California can join the SOMAH Directory of Job Training Organizations. Contractors use this network of job training organizations for first-source hiring.

Students and graduates can find SOMAH job opportunities through the SOMAH Job Board and Resume Bank, which contractors can browse to find eligible job trainees.

Have your trainees sign up for the SOMAH Job Training Portal to add their resumes, apply for open opportunities and access resources.

Get your students involved.

Visit CalSOMAH.org/JTO to learn more.

Are your programs eligible?

To be eligible for SOMAH, your job training programs must:

- Offer PV training programs offered to the public by California Community Colleges, local government workforce development programs, community nonprofits, private enterprises, or the electrical workers union (IBEW).
- Provide 40+ hours of instructional and/or hands-on PV installation and design training

Career technical education programs related to green building or design offering 40+ hours of instruction may also be eligible.

SOMAH encourages contractors to prioritize local and targeted hires.