The U. S. National Park Service (NPS) National Capital Region (NCR), Office of Natural Resources and Science (NRS) is seeking a student with a background in science communication, science education, project leadership, or related fields. The intern will evaluate visitor participation at the 5 picture post locations in the National Parks of the National Capital Region. The intern will consider the current photo contributions seeking mechanisms for increasing citizen engagement and improving use of the images. The highly urbanized and rapidly growing region around NCR parks makes them increasingly important as a critical refugia for biodiversity as species expand their ranges from the south in response to climate change. This internship has two possible starting dates depending on intern preference; 1) mid-February for part-time hours not to exceed 20 hours per week during the 2018 spring semester or 2) late May for full-time hours of 40 per week during June, July, and part of August 2018.

The intern will work closely with the NPS Urban Ecology Research Learning Alliance’s Science Education Coordinator. The intern will have the opportunity to present findings to NPS staff in the National Capital Region. This position will continue for up to 5 months depending on the student’s interest and available funding with a cumulative cap of 400 hours. The duty station is flexible but visits to the Natural Resources and Science Office, Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens in DC, and Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna, VA will periodically be necessary. Additionally, the intern should have access to dependable transportation, a computer and basic, digital camera equipment such as a smart phone. The intern should be able to navigate web hosted information and have the ability to upload photographs.

UERLA is a National Park Service Research Learning Center that serves 16 parks in National Capital Region. We translate complex research results into readily understandable information, providing research, education, and technical assistance for parks. UERLA also provides science communication outreach to park managers and external audiences via websites, workshops, and publications. UERLA maintains research and education partnerships with universities, not-for- profit, education, and other federal agencies. The education activities of UERLA include providing training opportunities for NPS staff and partners, participating in science education programs, and building external partnerships that support science education in parks. Within the Natural Resources and Science Office, other science programs, such as botany, wildlife, geology, air resources, and inventory and monitoring, aquatic ecology work with the Urban Ecology Research Learning Alliance on interdisciplinary projects.

Students must be enrolled in a degree program in spring of 2018. The position will be a University of Maryland paid internship.

If interested, provide a current resume, transcripts, and letter of interest electronically to Ann_Gallagher@nps.gov, Science Education Coordinator, Urban Ecology Research Learning Alliance, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 4598 MacArthur Blvd., NW, Washington, DC 20007, Cell: (202) 322-9888. Please use the subject line ‘Citizen Science Engagement – Picture Post’.

The deadline for applying is **2-9-2018 at 5 pm ET**. We expect to interview candidates the week of 2-12-2018.