



Picture Post Citizen Science Engagement Internship The U. S. National Park Service, National Capital Region

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, science outreach, public engagement 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 will begin in October of 2018 and could continue through May of 2019.

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 begin in October 2018 and continue until May 2019 depending on the student's interest and available funding. Hours are anticipated to be part-time, not to exceed 20 hours/week, during the semester. 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 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 for the duration of the internship. The position will be a University of Maryland paid internship.

If interested, provide a current resume with references, 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 **9-28-2018 at 5 pm ET**. We expect to begin to interview candidates the week of **10-7-2018**.