Increase Public Access to Scientific and Scholarly Research About National Parks
Internship
The U. S. National Park Service, National Capital Region

Description: The position will be a University of Maryland-based, flexible, full-time, paid internship. The U.S. National Park Service (NPS) National Capital Region (NCR), Office of Natural Resources and Science (NRS) Urban Ecology Research Learning Alliance (UERLA) is seeking a student with a background in science communication, library science, project leadership, or related fields to work on a Resources Stewardship and Science (RESS) project. The intern will catalog and improve access to scientific and scholarly reports and related products that were produced by and for the National Parks of the National Capital Region. The intern may also work with photo resources to appropriately catalog and tag them for improved usability and create online photo galleries to promote resource understanding in NCR National Parks. We anticipate that the internship will begin in May of 2019 and continue through August of 2019. Students must be enrolled in a degree program for the duration of the internship.

The intern will work closely with the regional RESS Information Sharing Specialist. The intern will have the opportunity to present accomplishments to NPS staff in the National Capital Region. This position will begin in May 2019 and end in August 2019; start and end dates are flexible. Hours are full-time for 10 weeks. Project mentors will include NPS staff in the UERLA and the Office of Natural Resources and Sciences. The intern’s worksite is flexible and the intern may work partly from the Natural Resources and Science Office and by telework. Periodic visits to the NPS Museum Resource Center in Lanham, MD and the Natural Resources and Science and NCR Headquarters Offices in Washington, DC will be necessary. The intern should have access to dependable transportation and be able to navigate to NCR NPS properties. The interns must be able to pass a security background check for federal computer use.

About UERLA: 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.

About RESS: The RESS directorate is made up of natural and cultural resource specialists that serve 16+ parks in the National Capital Region in fields including ecology, history, wildlife biology, archeology, invasive plant management, cultural landscapes, botany, and museum science. We provide research and scholarship on park resources to support park management and decision making. The RESS Information Sharing Specialist also provides science communication outreach to park managers and external audiences via websites, workshops, and publications.

How to Apply: If interested, provide a current resume, transcripts, and letter of interest electronically to Megan_Nortrup@nps.gov, Information Sharing Specialist, NPS NCR Resources Stewardship and Science, 4598 MacArthur Blvd., NW, Washington, DC 20007, Office: (202) 339-8314. Please use the subject line ‘RESS Public Access’

The deadline for applying is May 10, 2019 at 5 pm ET. We expect to begin to interview candidates the week of May 16, 2019.