Mississippi River Fellowship

This 10-week fellowship is a paid opportunity for diverse and underrepresented young adults ages 18–25 to explore the different branches of the National Park Service including Visitor Services, Interpretation & Education, Natural & Cultural Resource Management, and the Volunteer Program. The fellows work directly with National Park Service Rangers, Mississippi Park Connection staff, and other park partners to facilitate educational programs, habitat restoration events, and wildlife monitoring on the Mississippi River.

To Apply
Email cover letter, resume, and references to Tamara Few at tfew@parkconnection.org. Please include “Mississippi River Fellowship” in the subject line of the email.

Deadline: 5PM, April 15, 2022

Learn More About The Park
www.nps.gov/miss
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Fellowship Description
- Assist with outdoor education programs for diverse school groups and other audiences on and along the Mississippi River.
- Teach park visitors about the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the Mississippi River.
- Assist with habitat restoration events.
- Assist park rangers with wildlife monitoring, data collection, and other field work. Fellows will also have professional development opportunities to work with other governmental and non-governmental agencies such as the Minnesota DNR and Friends of the Mississippi River.

Required Qualifications
- Experience or interest in working in the outdoors.
- High school diploma.
- Able to work outside in all weather conditions.
- 18–25 years old.

Preferred Qualifications
- Ability to speak a second language.
- Some college coursework completed.
- A valid driver’s license.
- Experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds.
- Passion for the outdoors and environmental science.

Training
Applicants will be trained on canoe skills and water safety. No prior canoe skills needed, though a desire to learn is required. Applicants will be trained in leading Habitat Restoration Events with staff, leading educational programs, conducting wildlife surveys and collecting data, and running a park visitor center. Some additional reading, research, and exploration of the park outside of paid hours will be expected.

Fellowship Details
- Pay: $15.00/hour
- Hours: Approximately 32 hours per week; total of 10 weeks. May include weekend or evening hours. May require days that are longer or shorter than 8 hours.
- Location: Combination of working from home and in the field within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
- Start Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022