

ANNOUNCEMENT

Climate Change Communication Paid Internships, Summer 2016

National Park Service (National Capital Region) & George Mason University's Center for Climate Change Communication

Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2016

Description

The National Park Service (NPS) cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. In this capacity, NPS is in a unique position to observe changes brought about by global warming, and to engage park visitors in conversations about climate change. George Mason University's Center for Climate Change Communication (4C) conducts research on, and teaches about, climate change public engagement strategies.

In this internship program, up to eight interns (including two multimedia interns) will have the opportunity to work with 4C, NPS, park staff and the NPS's Urban Ecology Research Learning Alliance on climate change communication projects at National Capital Region Parks (Greater Washington, D.C.) in the summer of 2016. Summaries of previous year's projects can be found at

<http://www.climatechangecommunication.org/national-park-service-climate-change-communication-internship-program>

Qualifications

The 10-week internships are open to graduate students, or exceptional rising junior, or senior undergraduate students. The internship program seeks students with interdisciplinary backgrounds and interests in a combination of: biology, environmental science, sustainability, natural resources, sociology, communication, psychology, and other disciplines. Previous interns have come from degrees in Biology, Zoology, Natural Resource Communications, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, and Psychology. Check out former intern bios to see what majors have applied and participated in our program: <http://goo.gl/DeKKy1>. Students must be attending a U.S. accredited college or university and must be legally allowed to work in the U.S. Interns may be required to pass a Federal government background check.

Please indicate in your resume and cover letter your knowledge, skills, abilities, and interest in the following:

- Translating scientific information for non-experts
- Writing stories, narratives, and other interpretive materials to share information about natural and cultural resources
- Public engagement, or campaign development

- Interest in learning more about local climate impacts, NPS and environmental communication
- Interdisciplinary collaboration, working with clients and meeting client needs, and articulate, professional demeanor
- Experience with representing organizations on social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Expectations include:

- Strong experience or interest in science, natural resources, or cultural communication
- Ability to develop communication materials in a 10 week period and demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Strong creativity skills and ability to generate new ideas
- Proven ability to develop effective communication products with minimal editing; strong attention to detail
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Familiarity with cloud-based computing, collaborative document editing, and diligence in updating task lists on productivity software

Dates, Duration, and Location

Internships are full time (40 hours per week) for ten weeks, running from **Monday, June 6th through Friday, August 12th** with the *possibility* of extension through Friday, August 26th. All work will take place in the Washington, DC metro area. Housing is not provided. Interns will meet twice a week at the GMU Arlington Campus, which is easily accessed by the Metro. (Driving to Arlington is not recommended.) Having a personal vehicle is ideal for traveling to National Parks but not required, as interns are strongly encouraged to carpool to park sites.

Stipend

Interns will be paid a minimum of \$250 per week on biweekly pay schedule.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit the following materials (combined as **ONE** PDF file with applicant's name as the file name) to lbeall3@gmu.edu with "**NPS4C** - [Applicant Name]" as the subject line:

- (1) Resume or CV
- (2) Undergraduate and/or graduate transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- (3) One page cover letter discussing your specific interest in the internship and highlighting your qualifications.
- (4) TWO references with:
 - a) name,
 - b) contact information (email & phone number), and
 - c) nature of the relationship (e.g., professor, employer)

Please Note: Only COMPLETE applications will be reviewed.

Inquiries regarding this internship may be directed to lbeall3@gmu.edu

Internship Application Timeline:

Deadline for completed applications: Friday, January 29, 2016

Interview selection: Monday, February 15, 2016

Interviews: Monday, February 29th – Friday, March 18, 2016

Intern offer letter distribution by: Friday, April 1, 2016

Diversity

The NPS and 4C seek a diverse cohort of interns. Applicants with diverse backgrounds from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.