



Forest Service Fellowships and Internships: Fact Sheet for Applicants

Background

The Forest Service is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture that administers the Nation's 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands, which encompass 193 million acres (780,000 km²). Major divisions of the Agency include the National Forest System, State and Private Forestry, and the Research and Development branch.

The Forest Service manages public lands, known collectively as the National Forest System, located in 44 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The lands comprise 8.5 percent of the total land area in the United States. The natural resources on these lands are some of the Nation's greatest assets and have major economic, environmental, and social significance.

State and Private Forestry is the federal leader in providing technical and financial assistance to landowners and resource managers to help sustain the Nation's forests and protect communities and the environment from wildfires. This staff area brings forest management assistance and expertise through cost-effective, non-regulatory partnerships to a diversity of landowners; including small woodlot, tribal, state, and federal. The staffs also play a key role in implementing the National Fire Plan to manage the impacts of wildfires on communities and the environment.

Research and Development works at the forefront of science to improve the health and use of our Nation's forests and grasslands. Research has been part of the Forest Service mission since the Agency's inception in 1905. Today, some 500 plus Forest Service researchers work across the country and internationally in a range of biological, physical, and social science fields to promote sustainable management of diverse forests and rangelands. The work has a steady focus on informing policy and land management decisions; whether it addresses invasive insects, degraded river ecosystems, or sustainable ways to harvest forest products.

Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE)

Postgraduate fellowship projects are available with Research and Development and the National Forest System (administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education).

- Forest Service ORISE positions are posted on the following site:
http://www.orau.gov/usfs_rpp/current-research/default.aspx
- Government-wide ORISE positions are posted on the following site:
<http://orise.orau.gov/science-education/internships-scholarships-fellowships/recent-graduates.aspx>



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The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) Internship Program

The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) is a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational organization dedicated to building leadership and public policy knowledge within the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Its mission is to promote APA interests and success in public service careers, to provide information and education on policy issues affecting the APA community, and to serve the APA community at large. CAPAL will help place students in internships within the federal government. Depending on your interests and placement, your duties could include policy, scientific research, project coordination and management, business, law, communication, and more. The early deadline to apply is generally mid-February. The final deadline will be early March. Applicants are asked to provide a resume, a transcript, a personal statement and 2 letters of recommendation. Please see application link below for details.

Website: <http://www.capal.org/programs/scholarships-and-internships/>

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Internship Program

HACU represents more than 400 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the US, Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain, and Portugal. Although our member institutions in the US represent less than 10% of all higher education institutions nationwide, together they are home to more than two-thirds of all Hispanic college students. The HACU National Internship Program is open to all students, regardless of their ethnicity, gender, age, faith, etc. As long as you meet the listed requirements and are eager for a challenge, HACU welcomes you to apply! Before applying, please take a moment to read through the eligibility requirements to make sure that you meet the criteria.

Website: http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Become_an_Intern.asp

Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS)

The WINS program is hosted by the American University in Washington, D.C. WINS is targeted toward recruiting American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) students enrolled in a college or university as a sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student in good academic standing. Sophomores must have completed the equivalent of three (3) semesters of fulltime study to be eligible to participate in the program.

Website: <http://www.american.edu/spexs/wins/Program-Details.cfm>