Internship Announcement

United States Forest Service Region 6 – Pacific Northwest Region
Landscape Architect/Sustainable Recreation Planner Resource Assistant

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Location: Several Duty Stations Throughout Region 6

The year 2019 marks the centennial of the first landscape architect and recreation professional hired to work for the US Forest Service, Arthur Carhart.

In celebration of that milestone and to prepare for the next 100 years, a national effort is underway to utilize the Resource Assistants Program to create a cadre of landscape architecture-sustainable recreation resource assistants (RA) across the country known as the Carhart Centennial Corps.

In partnership with the US Forest Service, Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is recruiting resource assistant positions to assist forest units across the Pacific Northwest Region in providing landscape architecture, sustainable recreation and scenery management services. It is anticipated that more than one position will be filled and that more than one location in the region will serve as the duty station.

https://www.nwyo.com/

At a minimum, one position will be located in the Portland, Oregon area and may provide work in a zoned capacity for the Regional Office, the Gifford Pinchot and Mt. Hood National Forests, and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Other potential zone locations include Central Washington, Central Oregon, Southwest Oregon.

The Resource Assistants Program is a rigorous, immersive, paid internship for individuals interested in Forest Service careers. Through direct training, experience, and exposure, Resource Assistants gain the tools to launch their natural and cultural resource careers. To learn more about the program, visit:
https://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/volunteers/resource-assistants-program

The Pacific Northwest Region of the US Forest Service contains 17 national Forests, two National Scenic Areas, a national grassland, and two National Volcanic Monuments, all within the states of Oregon and Washington. These national forests provide forest products for communities, forage for cattle and wildlife, habitat for fish, plants and animals, and some of the finest recreation opportunities in the country.
https://www.fs.usda.gov/r6
Program Benefits

- $650/week stipend (pro-rated in the case of part-time work), paid on a monthly basis; health care coverage; workers compensation; FICA/Medicare; 40 hours of leave time per 960 hours of service. The RA will also receive a minimum of $1250 in funding to be used for relocation reimbursement, travel expenses, and training costs.
- 2-year non-competitive hiring certificate (after successful completion of 960 hours)
- Mentorship and job training experience in an incredible environment

Position Requirements

- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident; background check; individuals age 19 and up
- Valid state driver’s license and ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and with others.
- Work environment conditions range from working inside an office setting to working in the field
- Physical activity and exposure to weather elements on occasion. It involves walking over varied or sometimes rough terrain.
- Government vehicles are available for work-related travel.
- RA’s are responsible for travel to and from duty station.

Preferred Qualifications and Skills

- Undergraduate or advanced degree in landscape architecture, planning, recreation, geography, park admin/management, or engineering

Term and Location

- A minimum term of 960 hours is required, with the potential of term extension, dependent on funding and participant availability
- A commitment to a minimum of 12 months or longer tenure is preferred in order to provide the optimal experience for the candidate
- Both full-time and part-time schedules may be considered
- Multiple term start dates, beginning July 2019
- Multiple service locations; Portland, OR area and other zoned locations within the region

Duties and Work Assignments May Include

- Conceptual plans, site plans, master or mid-level recreation plans
- Design narratives, cost estimates, construction documents
- Surveys and transition plans for recreation sites and trails to meet outdoor accessibility standards
- Trails, trailhead and other recreation site improvements
- Visual/scenery management inventory, project impact assessments and monitoring
- Recreation settings and opportunities inventory and priority facility analysis
- Historic recreation context research for recreation sites
- Forest restoration and vegetation management project design and analysis
- Interpretative signs, kiosks, and other media
- Scenic byways/bikeways/trails corridor planning and projects
- Community and partner level strategic planning efforts and events
- Collaboration with other landscape architects, recreation staff, and other interdisciplinary staff areas
- Photographic documentation and geographic information system products
Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis
Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.
Type of position: Individual Placement
Service Dates: Negotiable
Length of Term: Minimum of 960 hours

How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, design and/or visual portfolio of relevant project work, and contact information for at least 3 professional references in attention to the contacts listed below. (Note: Links to online shared drive repositories or external websites for larger portfolios are also acceptable.)

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