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US forest Service Internship For Graduate Students 2026

Description

The U.S. Forest Service offers an exciting internship program for graduate students passionate about natural resources and environmental conservation. This program provides an invaluable opportunity to gain hands-on experience working alongside seasoned professionals on critical projects, contribute to meaningful research, and develop your skills in a supportive and dynamic environment.

Responsibilities

- Assist with research projects related to forestry, ecology, wildlife management, recreation, or other relevant fields aligned with the Forest Service's mission.
- Contribute to data collection, analysis, and interpretation, applying your knowledge and skills acquired through your graduate studies.
- Participate in field activities, such as forest inventories, wildlife monitoring, or restoration projects, gaining practical experience and understanding real-world challenges.
- Support forest management activities, learning about sustainable practices and policies.

Qualifications

- Enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. program in a field related to forestry, ecology, environmental science, natural resource management, or a closely associated discipline.
- Strong academic record with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Demonstrated interest in natural resources conservation and the mission of the U.S. Forest Service.
- Prior research experience and strong analytical skills.

Experience

- Previous volunteer or internship experience in a natural resources or environmental setting is highly desirable.
- Fieldwork experience is a plus, but not mandatory.

Skills

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong problem-solving and critical thinking abilities.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in a fast-paced environment.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and data analysis software (e.g., R, ArcGIS).
- Attention to detail and accuracy in completing tasks.
- Strong work ethic and a willingness to learn.

Hiring organization

US forest Service

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

6 Months

Industry

Government Administration

Job Location

Washington, D.C., United States,
20001, Washington, D.C., United States

Working Hours

8

Base Salary

10

Date posted

September 8, 2026

Valid through

25.02.2027

Job Benefits

- Gain valuable hands-on experience in your field of study, applying your knowledge to real-world situations.
- Contribute to the important work of the Forest Service in protecting and managing national forests.
- Develop essential skills in research, data analysis, project management, and communication.
- Network with experienced professionals and gain valuable career insights.
- Receive a competitive stipend (availability may vary depending on funding and program structure).

How To Apply

Internship opportunities are advertised through the USAJOBS website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/careers/pathways-internships> and through individual Forest Service regional offices. Search for “Forest Service Internship” and filter by location, program type (graduate), and keyword (e.g., ecology, wildlife). Application deadlines and specific requirements may vary.