

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:

GEORGE MELENDEZ WRIGHT INITIATIVE FOR YOUNG LEADERS IN CLIMATE CHANGE

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the *George Melendez Wright Initiative for Young Leaders in Climate Change* (YLCC) to provide a pathway for exemplary students in higher education (graduate students and advanced undergraduate students) to apply their skills and ideas to park-based challenges and solutions. The Initiative offers 12-week paid internships which allow students to gain valuable work experience, explore career options, and develop leadership skills through mentorship and guidance while helping to advance the NPS response to climate change. Successful students may be eligible for non-competitive hire into federal positions for which they qualify following completion of all academic requirements.

Climate Change Action Toolkit Development (Science Communication)

Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes Station, CA

The toolkit will be used to foster cross park and program collaboration for a wide variety of climate change response activities. Although it will be geared toward an internal PWR audience, that audience will include staff from all program areas with varying levels of climate change understanding. The final product will also be available as a model for other regions.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

During this 12-week internship, the intern will develop an interactive, interdisciplinary web-based digital communication tool to increase internal climate change literacy and information sharing within the Pacific West Region (PWR). This web portal, termed the "Park Climate Change Action Toolkit," is called out as a key component of the PWR Climate Change Response Strategy and Action Plan. The final product will be an online communication tool that promotes climate literacy in the PWR workforce, provides easy access to current climate change information and guidance, and serves as a way for parks and regional employees to share successes, questions, and lessons learned in their efforts to respond to climate change. The toolkit itself would be a communication mechanism, but would provide resources to support park work in a variety of efforts, including climate change science, adaptation, mitigation, and education. The intern will have the opportunity to work with regional points of contact from multiple disciplines to understand the information needs of parks and staff working on various aspects of climate change.

QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 3 years of college education in communication, information technology, computer programming, web design, web development, or related field.
- The intern should have experience with web development; familiarity with google analytics a plus.

- The ideal applicant would have an interest in science communication.
- Ability to be self-directed.
- Applicant should have the desire to create a digital communication tool to connect and educate NPS staff.
- Applicants should be able to lift up to 20 lbs.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The intern will take a leadership role in stakeholder engagement by coordinating review of the draft toolkit by the PWR climate change champions.

The intern will also have the opportunity to work with regional Points of Contact in multiple program areas, and would present the pilot site to regional climate change leaders including the PWR Climate Change Coordination Committee (C4) Executive Team and the PWR Climate Change Champions, who represent a variety of program areas and leadership levels from parks from throughout the region.

DATES OF POSITION

June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015. Start and end dates will be flexible to accommodate the student's academic needs.

COMPENSATION

This initiative supports one student at \$14 / hour for 12 weeks, or 480 hours.

HOUSING

Shared bunk-style housing is available at no cost. Housing will be provided at the Point Reyes Researchers Bunk House. A personal vehicle will be required for commuting from bunk housing to park headquarters each day (about 8 miles).

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Work will be in the office at park headquarters. On occasion, the intern will work from the San Francisco Pacific West Regional Office. Park staff who travel to the regional office on a regular basis would provide transportation in these cases.

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