

Rocky Mountain

National Park

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Rocky Mountain National Park Internship Program: Summer or Fall 2018

Museum Specialist Internship



Internship with the National Park Service

CSU's Center for Protected Area Management is proud to be offering its internship program at Rocky Mountain National Park for a second year. Interns will assist park staff with a variety of programs from youth education to forestry.

Internship Location

Rocky Mountain National Park is located 50 miles southwest of Fort Collins and consists of 415 square miles of high mountain scenery carved and sculpted by glaciers. Wildlife includes elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes, mountain lions, marmots, pikas, black bears and a variety of birds. Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved road in the U.S. provides access to the alpine tundra while connecting the east and west sides of the park. There are over 355 miles of trails within the park and the park receives over 4 million visitors every year. Additionally, 95% of the park is designated wilderness. This internship will be based out of Estes Park.

Internship Description

Rocky Mountain National Park's Museum Curator requests an intern to process and catalog federal records, providing an excellent opportunity to acquire experience about the policy, procedures, hands-on-skills, and data management required to manage a small federal museum operation. This project will bring recent acquisitions into the Natural Resource record group of the archives including moose observations, elk – vegetation management projects, bear studies, endangered species boreal toad reintroduction (a Colorado State Endangered Species), exotic plant control, and riparian habitat restoration documentation. The effort to process, describe, and catalog the park records will be a manageable project for an emerging professional, and will result in the ability of staff to access complete information about the parks archival natural resource stewardship holdings. In the end, the intern will document the workflow to determine the feasibility of upscaling the effort to document more archives disciplines in the park. The completion of this project will assist natural resources staff with compliance consultation and documentation and its archives can be used in science communication and teaching modules.



Requested Skills

A student with a basic working knowledge of Microsoft programs (Word, Excel, and Access) and Google and online applications is requested. At the very least, the student must have completed one Museum Studies course before starting the internship. Museum management software skills are encouraged, but not required. An intern with an interest in cultural resource management, architecture, history, and archives management would be beneficial but not fully required.

Internship Details

Interns will be hired through Colorado State University as student hourly workers. Compensation, amounting to \$13.65/hour, will be above current Colorado minimum wage in order to provide compensation that allows interns to factor in the cost of transportation and housing needs. Transportation to Rocky Mountain National Park and housing is the responsibility of the intern. This internship will be based out of the east side of the park in Estes Park. The intern will be requested to work 10-12 weeks for 40 hours a week during the Summer Break or Fall Semester of 2018. A Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M. work schedule will be required so that the intern can work with the museum staff. Students will need to ensure that they are covered by CSU, personal, or parents' health insurance during their internship period.

How to Apply

In order to apply for this internship position, interested applicants need to fill out our application form found on our website: <https://warnercnr.colostate.edu/cpam/internships/>. Through the on-line application form, you will be able provide us with basic information, respond to specific questions about the internship, and upload 2 additional documents that are required to apply: (1) a resume (max 2 pages) and (2) a reference letter from a professor or previous employer.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 29, 2018

For additional information and questions please contact:

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Testimonials from 2017 Rocky Mountain Interns:

"The internship I had at Rocky Mountain National Park was easily one of the greatest experiences of my college career. I had so many amazing opportunities and great mentorship throughout the internship, which gave me incredible insight into a natural resource career."

-KAMMI BAKKEN
Human Dimensions of Natural
Resources Undergrad



"My experience working for the park has been unique and incredibly rewarding. Working for the park has helped me grow personally and professionally."

-MADISON STEWART
Environmental Engineering
Undergrad