

SCIENTISTS IN PARKS

POSITION DESCRIPTION WINTER 2021

NPS UNIT: SHARED BERINGIAN HERITAGE PROGRAM & ALASKA REGIONAL OFFICE	PD #: 2021418
<p>Position Title: Science Communication Assistant</p> <p>Number of positions available: 1</p> <p>Primary natural resource discipline: Communication & Education</p> <p>Project keywords: Natural resources, conservation, cultural resources, international cooperation, writing</p> <p>Location: Anchorage, Alaska</p> <p>Can this position be fully remote: Yes</p>	
COVID-19 NOTICE	
<p>As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change and evolve, project timelines and structure remain flexible and it may be necessary to postpone start dates, begin work remotely, or reformulate the project's description. Should any development in the COVID-19 outbreak impair a project's timeline or results, the SIP Team will work with the park and project mentors to assess the situation and determine the best course of action at that time.</p>	
POSITION DESCRIPTION AND WORK PRODUCTS	
<p>Position Description: This position supports activities related to the National Park Service Shared Beringian Heritage Program (SBHP). From the Kolyma River in Siberia to Alaska's border with the Yukon in the east, the Beringia region includes the people, the land, and the water that connected the continents of North America and Asia during the Pleistocene ice ages. The SBHP is a complex, cooperative international conservation program that aims to advance local, national, and international understanding and preservation of the Beringia's resources, and to sustain the cultural vitality of its indigenous people. The position will assist with researching and communicating scientific information about biology, ecology, geology, subsistence, culture, history, and socioeconomics of the region through web content and social media. The intern will work with a variety of governmental and non-governmental entities to support SBHP program goals, and to support cooperation arising with projects funded by the program. A focus will be on community communication of products from funded projects, both in Alaska and Russia including working on making all program's products fully accessible to diverse audiences. The intern will help plan and coordinate program-related meetings, presentations and workshops in Alaska, and potentially in Russia, on issues important to the people and resources of the region. This project will enable the program to advance its core outreach functions and reinvigorate community involvement and cooperation.</p> <p>This position will play a crucial role in maximizing both scope and breadth of the Shared Beringian Heritage Program's outreach, allowing for more vigorous interaction with both the public and governmental partners. Additionally, it will allow the program staff to complete disability accessibility remediation of the SBHP's (BERI's) documents, which will then be made available through the program's website. One of the internship's primary objectives is to provide the intern with an introduction to the work of the US and Russian National Parks in the Bering Strait region, help them build lasting work connections and skills, and foster their personal growth by encouraging them to apply their existing skills, talents and interests towards developing a smaller project to advance the SBHP mission.</p>	

This position is offered through the National Park Service's Scientists in Parks (SIP) Program in partnership with Stewards Individual Placement Program (Stewards) and The Geological Society of America (GSA).

Work Products: Deliverables and work products will include updated website, increased web and social media presence as well as other media products. Products may also include web articles or other program reports.

QUALIFICATIONS

The intern should have an interest in the natural and cultural resources of Alaska, Russia, an interest in international affairs, and strong writing and editing skills. Previous knowledge of Alaska Native and Russian indigenous cultures and experience with culturally responsive communication as well as the broad understanding of northern environments and issues are highly desirable. The intern should have the ability to work comfortably with a wide range of community and indigenous people as well as understand and work effectively with scientists and a variety of interested publics. The candidate should demonstrate experience using web and desktop publishing software and social media. Knowledge of Russian language or/and indigenous languages of Beringia are desirable but not required. Undergraduate degree preferred, but advanced undergraduates also considered

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent legal resident ("green-card-holder") between the ages of 18 and 30 years old, inclusive, or veterans up to age 35. Prior to starting this position, a government security background clearance will be required.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Applicant will not need to drive a government vehicle.

A personal vehicle is RECOMMENDED but not required for this position. Anchorage public transportation options include multiple public bus routes. The city has a network of bike trails and the regional office, where SBHP is located, is in the proximity of Green Belt – a forested route designed for non-motorized travel.

If the SIP is required to drive a park vehicle for their position, Stewards will perform a driving records search, and the SIP's ability to drive a park vehicle during work hours will be contingent upon the results. SIPs will have to have had their license for 3 years or be over the age of 21 to be insured as drivers under Stewards insurance policy. Examples of things that will preclude a SIP from driving a park vehicle include: SIP under the age of 21 years old that has been licensed less than three years, DUIs, multiple moving vehicle violations, suspended or revoked license, or three or more accidents (regardless of fault) in the last 3 years. If the driver's search is favorable, Stewards will provide driver's liability insurance while the intern is driving a NPS vehicle for their SIP position. If the SIP is denied coverage by Stewards, they will not be permitted to drive during work hours.

HOUSING

Park housing is NOT available. The intern will be responsible for finding housing in the nearby area. Rental opportunities in Anchorage are ample and range from shared housing (room mates), apartments and houses. Prices vary depending on accommodation. Average rent for one room apartment is around \$1,000/month.

NATURAL AND PHYSICAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

This position is located in Anchorage, Alaska. The Anchorage metropolitan area, which includes Anchorage and the neighboring Matanuska-Susitna Borough, had a population of 399,148 in 2018, accounting for more than half the state's population. Anchorage is in Southcentral Alaska. At 61 degrees north, it lies slightly farther north than Oslo, and Stockholm. Anchorage has a dry-summer subarctic climate but with strong maritime influences that lead to a relatively moderate climate. Most of its precipitation falls in late summer and early fall. Average daytime summer temperatures range from approximately 55 to 78 °F (13 to 26 °C); average daytime winter temperatures are about 5 to 30 °F (-15.0 to -1.1 °C) Anchorage's latitude causes summer days to be very long and winter daylight hours to be very short. Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center and the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center host arts, sports and entertainments events throughout the year. Anchorage is located near both downhill and cross country skiing opportunities. The city has many bike trails and parks. It is home to University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Pacific University. This position will be located in the Regional Office of the National Park Service. Intern will be provided with office furniture, equipment and supplies.

INTERSHIP DATES

Start Date: 10/1/2021

Number of Weeks: 26

Flexible Start Date: Yes

LIVING ALLOWANCE

26 Weeks (\$525/week = \$13,650)

RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

\$1000 (Alaska, Pacific Island, and Caribbean Locations)

AMERICORPS PROGRAM



AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a program that engages individuals in intensive community service work with the goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community". The SIP Program is supported through AmeriCorps by providing a Segal Education Award in addition to the SIP's living stipend and relocation allowance.

Upon successful completion of the SIP position, the SIPs (AmeriCorps members) are eligible for a \$1,678 - \$6,345 pre-tax education award that can be used for paying back student loans or for continuing their education. The amount of the education award is based on the length of the position.

AmeriCorps limits the number of terms an individual can serve to 4 terms. If an applicant has previously completed 4 SIP or other AmeriCorps positions, they will not be eligible to apply for an additional SIP position.

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