PARK RANGE R (Student Trainee)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FOREST MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

LOCATION: Mississippi River Project Pleasant Valley, IA

SERIES/GRADE: GS-0025-03 ($13.58/hour)

OPEN PERIOD: Applications must be received on or before 05 March 2021

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Appointment may be subject to a suitability or fitness determination, as determined by a completed background investigation.
- MUST PROVIDE all transcripts/proof of Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021 enrollment/acceptance and/or current Fall class schedule.
- If selected, satisfactory completion of a medical examination is required before assignment to the position.
- Must possess and maintain a valid stateside driver's license.
- Must sign a Participant Agreement that sets forth the expectations for the internship.
- Must currently be in good academic standing (minimum GPA of 2.0) and maintain a cumulative and term GPA of 2.0 throughout internship.
- Must currently be enrolled a minimum of half time in a degree or certificate program and remain enrolled a minimum of half time throughout internship.
- Must be available to report for work at the duty location of Pleasant Valley, Iowa.
- Must be at least 18 years of age due to the nature of work.
- Male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must complete a Pre-Employment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration.
- You will be required to provide proof of U.S. Citizenship.
- Direct Deposit of Pay is required.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Positions are open to current students pursuing a qualifying degree or certificate in an accredited high school, college (including 4-year colleges/universities, community colleges, and junior colleges); professional, technical, vocational, and trade school; advanced degree programs; or other qualifying educational institution on at least a half-time basis (as defined by the institution in which the student is enrolled). Short-term training programs (e.g., several two-week programs completed) are not considered an academic course of study.

Internship for current students in good standing at an accredited education.

To qualify for a Pathways Internship as a GS-03, students must have completed one full academic year of post-
high school study.

For qualification purposes, an academic year is computed as follows:

- At the undergraduate level, successfully completed education that has not led to possession of a degree is credited based on its relationship to 120 semester hours or 180 quarter hours. For example, 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours is comparable to 1 year of undergraduate education. Four years of progressive study or 120 semester hours meets the degree requirements. Additional credit cannot be given for duplicate course work.
- For study at a business or technical school, 36 weeks of study (20+ classroom hours per week) is comparable to 1 academic year above high school.
- An academic year of graduate education is considered to be the number of credit hours that the school attended has determined to represent 1 academic year of full-time study. This determination is made based on normal course loads for a full year of study in the graduate program. If that information cannot be obtained from the school, 18 semester hours or 27 quarter hours should be considered as satisfying the 1 year of full-time study requirement. Part-time graduate education is creditable in accordance with its relationship to a year of full-time study at the school attended.
- When academic credit is expressed in contract months, units, or other terms that differ from conventional semester or quarter hours, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide an interpretation of such credits from the appropriate institution in order to equate them to the semester or quarter hours specified in the standard.

NOTE: If your college, vocational, trade, technical or high schools' definition of "academic year" differs from above, you must submit proof of this difference (e.g., copy of course catalog that defines an academic year). Absent this documentation, you will be screened for academic qualifications based on the academic hours as defined in the bullets above.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

Primary duties of this position include:
- Forest inventory
- Natural Resource monitoring

Secondary duties of this position include but are not limited to:
- Land Management activities
- Forest Management monitoring
- Quality Assurance inspections on Natural Resource Management contracts.
- Timber stand improvement activities.
- Threatened and endangers species activities.
- GPS activities

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:
These positions are temporary, not to exceed (NTE) 18 months. Primary duty season is from approximately May – September; specific working season will be negotiated between student and supervisor. As such, applicants filling these positions are NOT eligible for health or life insurance.
benefits. This position does earn four hours of sick leave and four hours of annual leave per pay period.

WORK SCHEDULE:
For this internship you must be able to work full-time during the summer when school is not in session. Additionally, position may be part-time while school is in session and may be full-time during designated school breaks (fall, winter, or spring breaks) depending on mission needs. The work schedule may be adjusted to accommodate class schedules during the school year. Typical work week is Monday – Friday with the possibility of occasional nights and/or weekends.

TRAINING:
Successful applicants will be required to attend approximately 60 hours of classroom and in-field training.

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT:
Successful applicants will be provided a uniform allowance in which to order the required uniform wear including work boots. Other necessary equipment will be furnished.

HOW TO APPLY:
The following forms are required for application:

1. Personal resume detailing work experience and education.
2. Copy of transcript(s) from your current or past college or university.
3. Proof of enrollment to college or university.

If selected, the following forms will be required:

1. Official transcript from current or past college or university.
2. Valid driver’s license.

All application materials should be received on or before the closing date of the announcement.

CLOSING DATE IS 1 MARCH 2021

Email Application Material To:
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Interviews will take place in early March and applicants will be contacted for interview date and time.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER:
All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for the position without regard to race, religion, color, political or other lawful affiliation, marital status, sex, age, and national origin, membership in an employee organization, or handicap which does not interfere with the ability to perform the duties of this position.