

The George Melendez Wright Young Leaders in Climate Change program provides paid summer internships to highly accomplished graduate and upper-level undergraduate students to work on diverse issues related to climate change and its effects in national parks. The internship projects may occur in national parks or program offices and are designed by National Park Service (NPS) staff to meet high-priority needs of parks and programs. General topic areas include resource conservation and adaptation; climate effects monitoring; park facilities adaptation; policy development; sustainable operations & mitigation; and communication, interpretation, or education.

Interns in 2015 will work on a wide variety of projects available, including: monitoring ocean acidification and intertidal biological communities; supporting a multidisciplinary science team working to respond to and mitigate the impacts of climate change to archaeological resources; developing a predictive model of snow patches likely to contain significant archaeological and/or paleoecological materials; conducting field surveys to determine plant community shifts and diversity changes in response to soil moisture change; developing strategies for how to incorporate climate change adaptation and storm preparedness options into the rehabilitation of historic structures; and creating a web-based template for communicating climate change information to the public.

Internship positions run full-time (40 hours/week) for 11-12 weeks, generally during the summer months. They pay \$14/hour plus benefits. Interns are employees of the University of Washington. Most positions come with free or subsidized housing in dormitories or other shared accommodations in parks. They are all rigorous and challenging projects that demand high-level academic knowledge and skills and that afford interns with considerable autonomy and opportunity for leadership under an effective mentor.

For more information and to apply to the 2015 YLCC internship program, please visit parksclimateinterns.org

The application deadline for the 2015 YLCC Internship Program is 12:01 pm PST, Friday, January 30, 2015.

For questions about the overall internship program or a specific internship opportunity, contact:

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