

**Subject:** Exotic Plant Management Team Intern at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska – Conservation and Land Management Internship Program

**Position:** Exotic Plant Management Team (EPMT) Intern – Conservation and Land Management Internship Program

**Location:** Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska

**Closing Date:** Monday, April 27, 2015

**Start Date:** 18 May, 2015 or sooner

**Internship duration:** 5 months

**Compensation:** \$15.00/hour; relocation expenses reimbursed up to \$750

**To Apply:** Visit <http://www.clminternship.org/applying> for instructions on how to apply. Complete applications will include: online application form, cover letter, resume, transcript (unofficial copies are accepted), and three letters of recommendation (we understand that letters may not arrive by the closing date). For this reason, we ask that you provide the contact info (email address and phone number) for 3 references in your resume. Please note that you **MUST** include the following Position Reference Code: AK2015

\*CLM applications for general **2015** field positions are no longer being accepted. Please apply only if you meet the qualifications for this position.

### **Position Description**

The Conservation and Land Management Internship Program (CLM Program) is hiring an Exotic Plant Management Team (EPMT) intern at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. Wrangell-St. Elias is the largest US National Park at 13.3 million acres. We are looking for someone who is not afraid of hard work, is able to live in a remote location with limited connectivity, who is interested in invasive plant and revegetation management and who enjoys working closely with others. This position will include both office and outdoor work in hot/cold and wet environments.

**FIELD WORK:** The intern will survey areas to determine if there are infestations, to help control invasive plants (by pulling, digging, and cutting), collect native seeds for re-vegetation efforts, help with outreach and education events, manage data, and write field and annual reports. Field data will be collected through the use of Trimble GPS unit for mapping, cameras, and plant vouchers, as well as field notebooks. Much of this job will be fieldwork that will entail hiking, backpacking, biking, and camping. The intern will occasionally work with and help supervise short-term youth groups or volunteers in weed control or seed collection and will have the opportunity to work in a variety of districts in the park. Bugs and weather can be inclement. Fieldwork will involve arduous hiking in steep, slippery or dense growth in all weather conditions. It will require physical exertion, including hiking over rough, off trail terrain, up to 15 miles per day carrying a 30-40 lb pack. It may include bicycling unimproved roads with camping and work gear, ATVing trails, flying in small planes, and using small boats for aquatic weed inventory.

**OFFICE WORK:** When not in the field there will be office work including report writing, data entry, management and analysis, map production, field excursion preparation, education and outreach planning, and training. This intern will be working in close relationship with other interns and staff members on the Exotic Plant Management Team. This team is fairly spread out (over 13.2 million acres) so good communication skills are crucial.

**SPECIAL PROJECT:** In addition this position will be focused on starting a cooperative native seed collection (similar to the Seeds of Success Program) for the Kennecott Mines National Historic Landmark to be used in a future re-vegetation effort. This work will include planning what seed sources would be most suitable, researching the best timing for seed collection, organizing a collaborative seed collection event with both park employees and members of the community, mapping the collection, and ensuring that seeds are properly cared for post collection.

Wrangell- St. Elias is very remote. It is difficult to get around without a car in one's free time. Work can be very face paced once fieldwork begins and dealing with data in-between fieldwork can seem difficult.

### **Employment Requirements**

- Position open to US citizens only
- Minimum of a bachelors degree in botany, plant ecology, or related fields
- Previous experience with invasive species monitoring, inventory, and removal.
- Field work experience including habitat or plant community delineation and plant identification

- Experience with GPS, Microsoft Office suite
- High level of organizational skill; ability to self-motivate and work independently, and sometimes alone.
- Ability to work well with others, and as a team
- Valid driver's license

**Questions?** Please contact [info@clminternship.org](mailto:info@clminternship.org)

The Conservation and Land Management Internship Program is administered by the Chicago Botanic Garden