



STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION &
THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE US FOREST SERVICE

Integrated Fire and Recreation Internship Program



16 WEEK PAID INTERNSHIPS

The **Student Conservation Association (SCA)** is partnering with the Southern Region of the US Forest Service to administer the Integrated Fire and Recreation (IFR) Internship. This program is designed to provide college graduates from under-represented and diverse backgrounds with opportunities to gain the skills necessary to launch a career in fire, recreation or natural resource management.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- **Program Dates:** January 6 - April 27, 2019
- Internship starts with two weeks training consisting of
 - basic firefighter training
 - work capacity test (completing a 3 mile hike in 45 minutes while carrying a 45 lb. pack)
 - basic trail management and maintenance
- After training, member will spend 14 weeks on Forest Service districts in the southeastern U.S. receiving on-the-job training in fire, recreation, and natural resource management

DEADLINE

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, but those submitted by October 15th will be given priority.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete an Internship/Corps Application online at thesca.org
2. Add the promo code *PO-00726824* to your application.
3. Contact SCA at aorozco@thesca.org or 603.543.1700 x1327 with any questions.

ELIGIBILITY

- US Citizen
- 18-30 years of age
- Available from Jan 6 to April 27, 2019
- Completion of an associate's degree & minimum of 2.0 GPA
- Background in natural resource management or biological sciences preferred
- Completion of the Work Capacity (Pack) Test during the training period. Wildland firefighting demands a high level of fitness to work in difficult environmental conditions, including steep terrain, extreme temperatures, altitude, and smoke
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check
- Participants must provide their own transportation to and from duty stations
- SCA is an EOE dedicated to workforce diversity

BENEFITS

- \$500/wk living allowance
- Housing or housing allowance
- Travel allowance
- Hands on experience
- Opportunity to participate in a 14-day fire assignments
- Training and skill-building needed to effectively compete for permanent positions throughout the United States Forest Service (USFS)
- If internship is completed, interns will earn the Public Land Corps Hiring Authority making them eligible to apply to merit vacancy announcements for two years