



VetsWork AmeriCorps Position Description

Position Title: Timber and Natural Resource Management Intern

Project Sponsor: George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/gwj/>

Project Location: Glenwood & Pedlar Ranger Districts, 27 Ranger Lane, Natural Bridge Station, VA 24579

Project Sponsor Mission: The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Mt. Adams Institute Mission: VetsWork is a program of the Mt. Adams Institute (MAI). MAI's mission is to strengthen the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research. Learn more at: www.mtadamsinstitute.org

Position Summary: In partnership with the Mt. Adams Institute, the George Washington & Jefferson National Forest will host an intern who will gain hands-on field experience in multiple natural resource areas (ie. timber (40%), wildlife (35%), fire (10%), recreation (15%). The intern will focus on the timber program and silvicultural processes, which include; planning, preparation, implementation and monitoring of timber sale activities. The intern will assist the Forest Service in leading a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew for approximately 8 weeks. This will accomplish a number of projects on the district such as, maintaining recreation areas and facilities, maintenance of trails, wildlife habitat improvement projects and treatment of invasive species. The intern will also have the opportunity to represent the Forest Service at environmental education events in the community. This is a field going position and most of the work will be performed outside in all weather conditions.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. In conjunction with Forest Service employees, plan Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) service activities.
2. Work with the YCC crew to implement a variety of conservation projects.

3. Assist with Conservation Education efforts and represent the Forest Service at these events throughout the surrounding communities.
4. Develop volunteer service activities designed to meet unmet needs and build capacity. Collaborate with local volunteer groups, partners, and interested local residents to plan logistics and implement projects.
5. Trail maintenance for both wilderness and non-wilderness trail systems.
6. Maintain campgrounds and other facilities to provide recreation opportunities to the public.
7. Support the development and implementation of educational programs for public outreach and education events.
8. Assist in wildlife habitat improvement projects.
9. Assist in timber sale preparation activities.
10. Assist with treatment of non-native invasive plant species.
11. Complete a Community Action Project that is identified by the Intern, researched, and implemented during the term of service.
12. Attend and complete all MAI/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
13. Complete and submit all necessary MAI/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
14. Wear an MAI uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Position Requirements:

1. Must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record and ability to provide documentation. Must comply with Driver Certification and Safety Agreement (see VetsWork Application Documents on website).
2. Attend a mandatory orientation in Dover, TN from 3/4 to 3/8 (food and lodging provided), quarterly Intern trainings, and quarterly Intern meetings.
3. Passion for service, public lands management, and environmental issues.
4. Willingness to work with a wide variety of people with diverse backgrounds and interests.
5. Substantial interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively.
6. Physical ability and willingness to serve outdoors in rough/steep terrain and in inclement weather.
7. Willingness to apply herbicide, operate small engine tools (chainsaw, brush cutter, etc.)
8. Meet other requirements of federal employee (eg. background check, defensive driving, ect.)
9. Must have served in US Armed Forces and have a DD214 with an honorable discharge.
10. 21 years of age at beginning of service term.
11. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
12. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
13. Ability to commit to the full 45-week term of service.
14. Selection, placement and retention are contingent upon passing the National Sex Offender Public Register and a national FBI fingerprint check. Position does have recurring access to vulnerable populations.

15. Members are eligible to serve up to four terms of service and receive AmeriCorps Education awards for each term of service up to the value of two full time education awards only. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform MAI of any previous service in an AmeriCorps program, regardless of whether or not they completed the previous term(s) of service. MAI is not liable for providing an Education Award to a member if they are not eligible under the Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps guidelines.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Developing and/or leading volunteer and youth activities.
2. Working or recreating in a backcountry, semi-backcountry, or natural environment.

Member Benefits Include:

1. A total taxable living allowance (before taxes) of \$13,500, paid over term of service.
2. Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$6,095. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
3. Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
4. Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included).
5. Child care allowance for those who qualify.
6. VetsWork is an apprenticeship program approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Labor. Members with G.I. Bill benefits may be able to dual enroll as an apprentice and access their Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) of up to approximately \$2400 per month. Actual benefits vary by individuals' qualified benefits.
7. Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.
8. A \$500/month housing stipend is provided by service site.

Transportation Information:

1. Project site is not accessible by public transportation.
2. Agency/Organization vehicles are available for work-related travel.
3. Intern is responsible for travel to and from orientation and to and from duty station.

Equal Opportunity:

People of color, people with disabilities, veterans and LGBTQ candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. MAI is committed to a diverse workplace and to supporting our staff with ongoing career development opportunities. MAI is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in its employment decisions.

MAI provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees as required by law. Applicants with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation at any point in the employment process.

Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Individual Placement

Service Dates March 4, 2019 to January 10, 2020

Length of Term: 1700 hours

How to apply:

Step 1 - Complete your application in the following way:

Online at the AmeriCorps website: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>

1. If you do not already have a username and password, click on the red **Apply to Serve** button.
2. Once you have logged in, create an application by clicking "Applications" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu. Complete the entire application.
3. To apply to this specific position, click "Search Listings" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu and search by program name **Mt. Adams Institute** (this needs to be spelled exactly as listed).
4. Select the position listing: **VetsWork – Mt. Adams Institute – Veterans Only** and click "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.

Step 2: Submit these additional materials promptly (email preferred). **Your application will not be considered until all of the materials listed below are received.**

1. A resume.
2. A cover letter for each position in which you are interested applying.
3. A copy of your DD 214 with an honorable discharge (general under honorable conditions discharge considered on a case-by-case basis).
4. Visit <https://mtadamsinstitute.org/internships/#vetswork> to print the MAI AmeriCorps Certification Form found under VetsWork Application Documents heading. Sign and date the form with original signature.
5. A copy of your driving record/abstract from your local DMV. Your abstract must go back at least three years, which may mean you need to submit additional abstracts for other states you have been a resident of within that timeframe.

6. Submit your completed MAI Driver Certification and Safety Agreement form found at <https://mtadamsinstitute.org/internships/#vetswork> under VetsWork Application Documents heading.

7. Read “VetsWork Frequently Asked Questions” and “Is VetsWork Right for Me?” found at <https://mtadamsinstitute.org/internships/#vetswork> under VetsWork Application Documents heading.

Questions? Contact Katie Schmidt at katie@mtadamsinstitute.org or
509-395-3465
Mt. Adams Institute
2453 HWY 141, Trout Lake, WA 98650

Checklist for Completed INTERN APPLICATION

Forms can be mailed or scanned and emailed to Katie Schmidt.

- Application** – AmeriCorps online application
- Resume**
- DD214**
- Separate cover letter** for each position for which you are applying.
- List positions in order of preference if applying for more than one**
- MAI AmeriCorps Certification Form**
- Driving Record / Abstract** – from your local DMV covering the last three years (will require more than one if you have lived in multiple states within that time).
- Driver Certification and Safety Agreement form**