



VetsWork AmeriCorps Position Description

Position Title: Recreation Intern

Project Sponsor: Mark Twain National Forest
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf>

Project Location: 4 Confederate Ridge Rd., Doniphan, MO 63935

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 Mark Twain National Forest offers this field-going position located on the Eleven Point & Poplar Bluff Ranger Districts in southwestern and southcentral Missouri. This position will assist in management of the Forest, and in efforts to connect people to their national forest primarily through conservation education, and engagement in recreation and stewardship activities.

The goals of the position are as follows:

- Provide member with an orientation to all aspects of recreation management.
- Maintain developed recreation areas by installing signs, painting facilities, cleaning campsites, mowing and trimming grass among other maintenance duties. 60%
- Maintain non-motorized trails by removing logs and brush, installing drainage structures and maintaining trail tread. 20%
- Provide an introduction to other functions of the Forest Service, such as timber, fire, and wildlife. 10%
- Support public outreach and education events. 10%

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

1. Regular maintenance of both campground and other recreational facilities.
2. Assist in non-motorized trail maintenance for both Wilderness and non-wilderness trail systems
3. Support for the development and implementation of educational programs.
4. Public outreach and education events (career fairs, outdoor school, etc.).
5. Work with volunteer groups and serve as crew lead for Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew.
6. Complete a Community Action Project that is identified by the Intern, researched, and implemented during the term of service.

7. Attend and complete all MAI/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
8. Complete and submit all necessary MAI/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
9. 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.
2. Attend a mandatory orientation in Dover, TN from 3/2 to 3/6 (food and lodging provided), quarterly Intern trainings, and quarterly intern meetings.
3. Must have the ability to drive a four-wheel drive vehicle with trailer and pass the training provided.
4. Must be physically able and willing to participate in field-going activities on a regular basis, and able to hike at least 5 miles carrying at least 15 pounds of gear, and utilize tools such as shovels, rakes, Pulaski's, weed-eaters and mowers.
5. Must possess leather work boots with 8" tops and lug soles.
6. Ability to work alone or with others.
7. Experience using hand and power tools.
8. Intern will normally work about 40 hours per week, will be required to work some evenings and Saturdays throughout the main recreation season.
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. Experience supervising volunteers.
2. General knowledge of recreation site maintenance and trail maintenance.
3. Experience in public speaking.
4. Familiarity with GPS, map reading and navigation.

Member Benefits Include:

1. A total taxable living allowance (before taxes) of \$15,750, paid over term of service.
2. Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$6,195. 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 \$2,400 per month. Actual benefits vary by individuals' qualified benefits.
7. Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.

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 2, 2020 to January 11, 2021

Length of Term: 1700 hours

How to apply:

Submit the following materials by email to katie@mtadamsinstitute.org. If you are selected for a position additional documents will be required.

1. A resume including three professional references (These could be military, civilian, or academic.)
2. A separate cover letter for each position in which you are interested in applying.
3. A copy of your DD 214 with an honorable discharge (general under honorable conditions discharge considered on a case-by-case basis). This needs to be the long form Member 4 copy which has 30 total boxes of information.
4. Read "VetsWork Frequently Asked Questions" and "Is VetsWork Right for Me?" found at <https://mtadamsinstitute.org/internships/#vetswork> under the 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 initial INTERN APPLICATION

Email to Katie Schmidt: katie@mtadamsinstitute.org.

- Resume**
- DD214**
- Separate cover letter** for each position for which you are applying.
- In the submission email list positions in order of preference if applying for more than one**

