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Service Site

- Must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record and ability to provide documentation.
- Comply with all Partner Organizations safety policies and procedures.
- Must comply with Driver Certification and Safety Agreement (see VetsWork Application Documents on website).
- Ability to attend virtual orientation, regular online team meetings and a week-long virtual mid-term training.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- Ability to take measurements and recordings and document information accurately.
- Comfortable talking with the public.
- Ability to travel to remote forested areas.
- Ability to serve with others or alone.
- Ability to use and/or learn to use: data recorders, handheld radios, computer tablet, GPS, maps, hand tools and power tools
- Physical activity that involves walking, lifting and climbing over rough terrain with exposure to weather elements.

AmeriCorps

- Must have served in US Armed Forces and have a DD214 with an honorable discharge.
- At least 21 years of age at beginning of service term.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving education award.
- Ability to commit to the full 45-week term of service.
- Attend virtual MAI Orientation (February 7-11) and Intern trainings.
- Selection, placement and retention are contingent upon passing the National Sex Offender Public Registry, state of service and state of residence criminal history check and a national FBI check.
- 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.
- **Must be fully vaccinated** against Covid-19 with the ability to provide documentation or have an approved medical or religious exemption prior to the start of the position. *Exemption forms can be found on our [website](#) and once submitted, they must go through a review and determination process before being approved.*
- **Must follow all Covid-19 policies** at the service site including any changes that are implemented throughout the course of the program. Policies may include masking/social distancing, remote/virtual work, altered field duties and other restrictions determined necessary to keep site staff, partners and the public safe. Accepting a position means accepting the current requirements and any updates to those requirements while enrolled in the program.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ArcGIS skills desired but not required.
- General understanding of maintenance.
- Ability to navigate and read maps.
- A desire and ability to become proficient in data analysis, data analytics and databases.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- 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.
- $16,875 living allowance paid over the 10 ½ -month term of service ($375 weekly, before taxes).
- $6,495 education award (qualified student loans and/or education expenses)
- Loan Forbearance
- Health Care Insurance
- Child Care Reimbursement
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.

**HOUSING:**
- A $425/month housing stipend provided by service site.
- Low-cost housing for intern is available through service site.
  - Interns are responsible for bunkhouse fees, which are $4.49 per day or about $137 per month.
  - People should have their own room in the bunkhouse, and there is a shared kitchen and community space. There is no AC, so it can get hot in the summer.
  - There is no internet or cell signal at the bunkhouse.

**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:**
- Agency/Organization vehicles are available for service-related travel.
- Intern may travel within the Pacific Northwest to support other Interns at their sites.
- Intern is responsible for travel to and from duty station.
- There is a very well run public transportation system that leaves from Entiat, with an infrequent stop near the bunkhouse. Due to the bus, interns could manage without personal vehicles but would need to plan appropriately.
- The roads are quite bike friendly.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**
- The bunkhouse is 10 miles from Entiat, WA, a small community with a small grocery store, fruit stands in summer, a gas station, and a branch of a larger regional library system.
- The nearest large town is Wenatchee, approximately 30 miles away.
- Interns should be comfortable living without wifi and cell service, and needing to drive somewhat far for supplies.
- The community is a very welcoming and friendly place. Many local residents have lived there for a long time over multiple generations.
- Summer can be hot with many days in the 90’s and sometimes 100’s. Winter is snowy, but relatively mild.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION:**
MAI celebrates equity, diversity, and inclusiveness and does not discriminate against any person or group based on race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, expression, gender identity, ability, national origin or ancestry, veteran status, social economic class, religion, professional status, pregnancy, or parents/guardians with children. MAI is committed to a diverse workplace and to supporting our Interns and staff with trainings and career development opportunities.

MAI provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees. Applicants with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation and/or alternative formats at any point in the employment process.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**
Email the following documents to Katie Schmidt at katie@mtadamsinstitute.org:
- ✔ Resume
- ✔ Cover Letter (One for each position applying to).

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☐ Three Professional References (someone who has supervised you; military, civilian, or academic) – Information to include: Name, Title, Relation to you, email & phone number.

☐ Supplemental Questions:
  • What is your motivation for applying to VetsWork?
  • What are you hoping to get out of this experience?

☐ DD 214 – (with Honorable Discharge):
  • “General under honorable conditions” discharge are considered on a case-by-case basis
  • Must be long form “Member 4 copy” (has 30 total boxes of information).

PROCESS:
1. MAI screens application materials; conduct pre-interviews, and recommends qualified applicants for Service Site interviews.
2. Service Sites interview candidates conduct reference checks and recommend placement.
3. If position is offered, additional paperwork will be required.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
  • More information at “VetsWork Frequently Asked Questions”
  • Cover letter information can be found at https://www.macslist.org/articles/cover-letters

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