



*US National Park Service  
International Volunteer in Parks Program*

Background Review for International Internship Program  
US National Park Service, International Volunteers-in-Parks Program

**PART I:**

NAME: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or \_\_\_\_\_ Female DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_

CITY & COUNTRY OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE:

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If you are employed full-time:

CURRENT WORK POSITION AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER (government, local, central, private business, non-profit organization, etc.). Please be as specific as possible.

If you are a student:        - Undergraduate        - Graduate

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_

Major area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees and Dates Received:

Previous J-1 Visa? YES    NO    If yes, dates of J-1 Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of previous sponsor:

What kind of activities were you involved in during your previous J1 program?

MAILING ADDRESS: Print very neatly and carefully if handwriting is used. Write address as it should appear on an envelope. (No Post Office Boxes, please)

Telephone number that matches address above (including country and city codes):

Volunteer's e-mail address (if any):

IF SELECTED, INTERN MUST SEND PROOF OF INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE US TO NPS, OIA (E-MAIL TO: [Linda\\_Bennett@nps.gov](mailto:Linda_Bennett@nps.gov) or [David\\_Krewson@nps.gov](mailto:David_Krewson@nps.gov) OR FAX: 1-202-371-1446.

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## **PART II:**

Please answer the following questions: (Use additional sheets of paper if more space is needed for answers.)

1. How would you rate your comprehension of English? (Speaking and writing abilities)  
Excellent?      Good?              Fair?              Poor?

2. What dates are you available to participate in our program?

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3. Why do you want to participate in an internship with the US National Park Service (NPS) and how would it benefit you in your future career?

4. What type of training would you like to receive and what relevant experience, university courses or skills do you possess which will prepare you for such training?

5. Where would you like to volunteer in the NPS? (For a list of national parks, go to: <http://www.nps.gov/parks> .) (Select up to 5 parks)

6. Do you have funds to cover your travel to and from the United States, medical insurance, and all your expenses while living in the United States?

(Note: Many parks may not be able to provide full support to their volunteers. Many parks may only be able to provide free housing or very limited reimbursements for food. Those prospective volunteers that are able to support more of their own needs may have a better chance at participating in the IVIP program.)

YES      NO      I MAY NEED SOME ASSISTANCE:

6. A. If your government or a non-profit organization is supporting you during your internship, what amount are they providing?

7. How did you learn about our international volunteer/internship program?

8. Have you ever traveled or lived abroad and if so when? And where? Tell us about your experiences.

9. Have you ever lived and worked in a remote location? (If so, when and where?) (Many but not all internships are in remote locations.)

10. Have you ever participated in field work in extreme heat and cold? If so, please tell us of your experiences.

11. What is your current physical health? Do you have any physical or medical conditions that your hosting national park should be aware of?

12. Do you have special needs for housing or working conditions?

13. If your internship requires you to participate in strenuous activities such as hiking, backpacking and camping, or carrying equipment, are you able to do so? experiences that you have had in these activities if they apply to your internship.

14. Do you plan to return to your country after your J1 Visa ends?

15. What are your future goals?

**PART III:**

Please Read the following information and then sign and date the line below:

I certify that all the information that I have provided on this form is true. I understand that I am responsible for providing proof of medical insurance in the United States which meets the Department of State's Cultural Exchange Program's standards. I also understand that in order to receive a J-1 visa that I must be able to afford my own expenses while participating in the NPS Exchange Visitor (or International Volunteer in Parks) Program. (Some parks may be able to offer limited support to exchange visitors such as free housing, small reimbursements, and a free uniform.)

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit application and CV/Resume to: NPS Office of International Affairs, International Volunteer in Parks Program via E-Mail to: [Linda\\_Bennett@nps.gov](mailto:Linda_Bennett@nps.gov), [David\\_Krewson@nps.gov](mailto:David_Krewson@nps.gov), or FAX: 1-202-371-1446.

Send original, signed copy to: NPS, Office of International Affairs, International Volunteer in Parks Coordinator, 1201 Eye Street, NW 0050 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, #6, Washington, DC 20005

*\* Note: Coordination of NPS international internships takes at least 3 months notice, from initial contact until starting date. (Selection process, placement, development of training plan, processing documentation, receiving your visa from consulate.) Your application will be reviewed in order of receipt. All applicants are selected based on skills and abilities.*

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e-mail addresses

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