

What is the PPFL Build Up Technical Internship Program?

The Park Planning, Facilities and Lands (PPFL) Build Up Internship Program seeks to provide career pathways into the National Park Service (NPS) for students with competitive and highly specialized skillsets in technical fields. The program gives you an opportunity to learn from and contribute to a wide array of activities that make up PPFL's operations and aims to engage the next generation of skilled technical professionals at NPS.

Why Work for PPFL?

Build your savvy with the Build Up Technical Internship Program, a unique opportunity for you to explore a job, and possibly a career, with purpose. More than likely, you'll be able to find a National Park unit across the United States, ranging from monuments to battlefields to parks, lakeshores, recreation areas that need passionate and smart people to care for them. Will you be one of them?

What Do You Need to Know?

The Build Up internship seeks high-achieving, highly-motivated undergraduate and graduate students with a background in technical specialties. Specialties include, but are not limited to:

Architecture * Community planning *
Engineering * Geographic Information Systems (GIS) * Land resources * Planning * Social sciences * Survey or cartographic services *
Web design and development.

There are no program-wide requirements, but specific internships may require certain types of educational degrees, experience, etc. Interns will be chosen based on various factors, including professional presentation in their application, reference checks, phone interviews, and the degree of overlap between the applicant's interests and skills with the position's needs.

PPFL provides the National Park Service with leadership, policy development, program accountability, and budget formulation for planning, design, construction, and management of park facilities and land.



For more information:



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What's In It for You?

If you are selected, you will:

- Gain exposure to hiring managers;
- Access to future job opportunities;
- Improve experience in your field of expertise;
- Increase exposure to federal public land management;
- Meet new mentors in your discipline; and
- Build a network by engaging with NPS partners and neighboring communities.



Time Commitment

Internships must meet the minimum requirement of 11 weeks and may last up to 1 year. At least 11 weeks must be 40 hours/week, but potential for some part-time work may exist.

Location

Internship projects will be located at PPFL team and project sites across the country at parks, regional offices, or the DC office. Some internship opportunities may be remote. Location is specified in individual internship announcements

Compensation

Build Up has a competitive payrate of \$18/hour or higher; payrates will be included in postings. Interns will also receive a professional development stipend.



What Does Project Work Look Like?

You'll work on one or more projects to support modernizing NPS's infrastructure, addressing climate change, and creating a conservation stewardship legacy, among other important work. You will work on actual, real-time projects with a critical thinking focus and real-world problem-solving approach. We will set you up for success by including clearly defined project deliverables, specific expectations and outcomes, and presentations to key decision makers. It's important for interns to be self-starters as you'll experience a high degree of autonomy and exposure to stakeholders.

Along with gaining experience in your field of expertise, you'll be exposed to federal public land management, meet new mentors in your discipline, and learn about potential career opportunities.

Key Opportunities

Once you successfully complete your internship and finish your degree program, former interns could have the opportunity to be considered for non-competitive hiring into permanent positions within two years of completing the degree program they were enrolled in during their internship. Note that there is no guarantee alumni will be selected or hired.

Alumni could be considered for various federal agencies including the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture (US Forest Service), and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

