

2019 Summer Visual Media Assistant (VMA) Internship – Shenandoah National Park

Dates: May 13, 2019 to August 23, 2019

The Visual Media Assistant (VMA) will work with the Shenandoah National Park visual media staff to assist with all activities associated with numerous film projects. The intern will help scout locations, prepare, pack, transport, clean, and maintain film equipment including cameras, lenses, batteries, tripods, and other equipment associated with obtaining footage. The intern will also, under the direction of the staff and producer, capture film and then process and log footage according to the established workflow of the media department. The intern may also create short videos including researching, developing key concepts, storyboarding, capturing footage, processing, logging, and editing to convey a specific message to the public. The intern may also be asked to capture still photography for use in projects and the press.

Park Overview

Shenandoah National Park is located about 75 miles from Washington, D.C. in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. It protects and preserves nearly 200,000 acres of federal land including 80,000 acres of federally designated Wilderness. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile long Scenic Byway is the only public road through the park and features beautifully winding curves that open to spectacular vistas and approximately 70 scenic pullouts that overlook the famous Shenandoah Valley and the rolling hills of the Virginia's piedmont. There are over 500 miles of hiking trails that lead to waterfalls, stunning peaks, and deep into pristine forests. The Park also has a rich cultural history including Massanutten Lodge and Rapidan Camp. Bears, deer, bobcats, and a host of migratory and resident bird species are abundant.

Duty Station

The VMA intern will be based in the headquarters area of Shenandoah National Park which is about four miles east of the town of Luray, VA.

Training

The VMA intern will experience opportunities in film capture and editing, exposure to a wide range of equipment and software, and working in a highly creative and dynamic atmosphere.

Stipend

The intern will be reimbursed for living expenses at the rate of \$300.00 per week. A uniform is not required, but the Park will provide shirts, jacket, and hat that will identify the intern's affiliation with the Park.

Housing

Housing is not available and is the responsibility of the intern.

Required Skills and Interests

Interest and knowledge of film and photography capture techniques and equipment and software is essential. Preferred software and equipment experience includes Adobe Suite (After Effects, Premier Pro, Audition specifically) full-frame cinema camera and lenses, still photography DSLRs and lenses. The intern will need to be able to hike fairly significant distances while carrying equipment.

Application Process

Please submit a resume and three professional references (with contact information) by April 11, 2019 to Claire Comer, Claire_comer@nps.gov.