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Jobs & Internships



Get hands-on experience in archeology. (NPS photo)

Join Us!

Interested in a closer look at how archeologists in the National Park Service preserve and protect our nation's archeological heritage?

There are lots of ways to get archeological experience with NPS, such as volunteering on a project, joining a field school, or an internship. Whether you are curious about archeology and want to see what it's like, or are aiming for a career, here are ways to get involved.

Find Your Park

Use the NPS Find a Park tool < www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm > to identify archeological projects near you (or near where you want to explore) for volunteer positions, internships, or to ask an archeologist for advice on your next steps.



Field school student at Fort Vancouver NHS. (NPS photo)

Volunteer

Unpaid positions start at a few hours per week in NPS parks and offices. < www.volunteer.gov >

Field Schools

Offered across the U.S. and its territories in national parks and at partner sites, field schools are an important milestone for archeologists. Search online using keyword phrases such as, “national park archeology field school.”

Internships

Paid work opportunities are found in NPS parks and with our partners. Some are for students, others for recent graduates. < www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/jobs-and-internships.htm >

Jobs and Careers

The Secretary of the Interior’s Qualifications for Archeologists are a roadmap to plan and build your education and work experience. < www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm >

USA Jobs is where to go to apply for federal archeologist jobs. Search “archeologist” to see job announcements (including salaries, position descriptions, and qualifications). Also, check out the Hiring Paths section. < www.usajobs.gov >

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