



THE OUR WORLD-UNDERWATER SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

National Park Service Research Internship

Website: <http://home.nps.gov/applications/submerged/index.htm>

About the National Park Service and the Submerged Resources Center

The National Park Service has the oldest non-military diving program in the federal government and has direct management responsibility for more than 3.5 million acres of submerged land and a coastline longer than the country of Brazil. NPS rangers, scientists and divers work from Maine to the Virgin Islands, Alaska to Guam and everywhere in between. NPS diving occurs in high lakes in the Rocky Mountains, in desert reservoirs, on coral reefs, in the Great Lakes and in glacial bays. NPS divers work in more areas and do more diverse diving than just about any other agency in the federal government. The OWUS NPS internship is administered and funded by the Submerged Resources Center but is designed to facilitate work by an intern in any of the 72 ocean parks or 130 National Park units with significant underwater resources.

The Submerged Cultural Resources Center was established in 1980 to conduct research on submerged cultural resources throughout the National Park System. One of the unit's primary responsibilities is to disseminate the results of research to National Park Service managers, as well as the professional community, in a form that meets resource management needs and adds to our understanding of the resource base.

Since its founding, the core mission of the program has remained the same: to inventory and evaluate submerged resources in the National Park System and to assist other agencies, nationally and internationally, with underwater heritage resource issues so as to leave them unimpaired for future generations.

In addition to submerged cultural resources, SRC is an agency leader in operational diving, training and multidisciplinary science based research. SRC maintains close ties with NPS divers in parks, regions and other programs inside and outside the National Park Service.

The National Park Service Research Internship

This internship will provide a unique opportunity to work with leading archaeologists, underwater photographers, and scientists in the National Park Service and other agencies in the American state and federal government. Specific work projects will be determined based upon interests of the intern as well as the needs of associated projects. The internship will be based in Denver Colorado but it is expected that the intern will travel to projects within the continental United States and potentially overseas as part of this internship. The internship could involve a specific project in a single park or a larger project in multiple parks.

Typical projects may include underwater archeology or filming/photography work with the Submerged Resources Center; biological assessments of coral reefs or kelp forests in places like Dry Tortugas National Park or Channel Islands; assistance with training at national training seminars for NPS divers; interpretation and outreach/education with parks like Biscayne National Park; or public safety diving with our law enforcement rangers at numerous parks throughout the system. In addition to fieldwork, the intern may have the opportunity to visit Washington DC to observe, first-hand, the crafting and implementation of NPS ocean policy and planning.

Length of Internship

Up to 3 months (dates negotiable and not necessarily during the summer months), depending upon mutually agreeable schedule.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Is scuba certification required?
 - Yes, at least advanced open water certification with a minimum of 50 documented dives is mandatory. Applicant must possess a current dive physical and be able to complete the requirements of the NPS diving examination. Advanced certifications (e.g. drysuit diver, deep diver etc.) will be necessary depending upon the nature and location of the internship sought.
- Useful skills/experience
 - Marine Archaeology
 - Marine Biology
 - Computers
 - Photography
 - Web Design
 - Outreach and Education
 - Ocean Policy
 - Dive Training

US Citizenship Preferred, Applicant must be a minimum of 20 years old at the start of the internship.

Budget

The internship will be funded by the National Park Service's Submerged Resources Center, including travel to/from site(s) as well as a per diem to cover living and board expenses. NPS/SRC will provide for expenses up to \$10,000 per internship and also work with the intern to assure park-based housing and access to other infrastructure during the period of the internship.

Written Report

Upon completion of the Internship, the recipient will be required to complete a written review of his or her experience as well as a short multi-media presentation outlining the results and highlights of their time with the National Park Service.