



OUTREACH NOTICE

USDA Forest Service

Alaska Region



Student Trainee (General/Engineering)

GS-0099-01 or GS-0899-02

NTE 1-year Part-Time Opportunity

APPLY BY: February 5, 2016
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The USDA Forest Service - Alaska Region, Engineering, is outreaching to fill a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) 1-year part-time Student Trainee, GS-0099-01 or GS-0899-02 position, located at the Regional Office in Juneau, Alaska. The incumbent is responsible for performing a variety of regular and recurring duties in support of engineering professionals in order to obtain a career-oriented introduction to the background, philosophy, concepts, and scope of the Forest Service and Engineering organizations. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

Description of some of the duties:

- ▶ Receives training in the principles, concepts, work processes, and regulation of one or more functional areas of Engineering. Work assignments will generally be office-based and clerical in nature, and are designed to provide experience in a variety of activities.
- ▶ Rotates among various Engineering functional areas to gain an understanding of the various program concepts and operations, develop an understanding of the total mission as well as organization/functional interrelationships and develop a foundation for more specialized application of knowledge gain from on-the-job training assignments.
- ▶ Performs other duties as assigned.

Interns Program: The Pathways Internship Program is for current students. It replaces the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). The new Internship Program provides students in high schools, colleges, trade schools and other qualifying educational institutions with paid opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while completing their education.

Eligibility: Current students in an accredited high school, college (including 4-year colleges/universities, community colleges, and junior colleges); professional, technical, vocational, and trade school; advanced degree programs; or other qualifying educational institution pursuing a qualifying degree or certificate.

Program Completion and Conversion:

Interns may be converted to a permanent position (or, in some limited circumstances, to a term position lasting 1-4 years) within 120 days of successful completion of the program.

To be eligible for conversion, Interns must:

- ▶ Complete at least 640 hours of work experience acquired through the Internship Program
- ▶ Complete their degree or certificate requirements
- ▶ Meet the qualification standards for the position to which the Intern will be converted
- ▶ Meet agency-specific requirements as specified in the Participant's Agreement, and
- ▶ Perform their job successfully.
- ▶ Selected to ensure that the employee receives on-the-job training and exposure to one or more program functions.

Please read the “Forest Service Pathways Student Hiring Program Fact Sheet for Applicants” for further information. [Additional information about the Internship Program.](#)

Duty Station Information: The Alaska Region includes the Chugach and Tongass, the two largest single national forests in the nation, encompassing more than 22 million acres and nearly 40 communities. Juneau, with a population of approximately 31,000 people, is the only State capital that cannot be reached by road. It lies along the famed Inside Passage, and is commonly known as the “Southeast.” Travel in and out of Juneau is via air or boat with daily jet service, smaller commuter planes, and a ferry system to meet your transportation needs.

Because southeast Alaska is located in a temperate rainforest, it has a maritime climate characterized by relatively mild, cool, and wet weather. The average daily high temperature is 29°F in January and 64°F in August. Rainfall averages from 50-90 inches of rain a year depending on location. On the longest day of the year, the sun rises about four in the morning and sets about ten in the evening. On the shortest day of the year, there are approximately six hours and forty minutes of daylight.

Although Juneau provides plenty of cultural events and typical American activities, living in Southeast Alaska is an exceptional and never-to-be-forgotten adventure. Unique opportunities abound at work and at play. You may see eagles, orcas, or harbor seals from your office window. You can hike/ski/snowshoe/mountain-bike to stunning vistas, learn from Native elders, and catch more fish than you really need! Juneau is certainly a wonderful location to live in and enjoy the adventure called Alaska.

Positions located in the Alaska Region receive a locality payment of 25.16%. Additionally, employees located in Juneau, Alaska receive a 5.31% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) which is not federally taxed. A gradually reducing COLA will continue to be paid after December 31, 2012. See the OPM website at: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/cola/index.asp> for additional information.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION: If you are interested in the position, please apply for the vacancy at USAJobs (www.usajobs.gov), Announcement # **16-R10-NTE-0099-01-PW** or **16-R10-NTE-0899-2/3/4-PW**. You may direct questions about this position to Hannah Cross at hvcross@fs.fed.us.

Alaska Region Information:

USDA Forest Service Alaska Region: www.fs.usda.gov/r10

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/58184989@N07/collections/> **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/AKForestService>

Juneau Economic Development Council: <http://www.jedc.org/>

Newspapers: <http://juneauempire.com/> <http://capitalcityweekly.com/>