

# National Park Service

## Program Information

Program Name	National Park Service
General Description / Special Programs	<p>The National Park Service (NPS), a bureau of the Department of the Interior, manages the 84 million acres of the national park system, whose 401 units are visited by over 300 million people each year. To fulfill its mandate, cultural anthropologists carry out projects at parks, regional offices, and other program offices across the country. Through its cultural resources programs, the NPS assists anthropology, historic preservation, heritage education, and archeology programs of other Federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments and community groups. The Cultural Anthropology Program, a unit within the Cultural Resources Directorate, has headquarters in the NPS Washington, DC, office, and a decentralized structure with regional anthropologists in the Northeast, Southeast, Alaska, Midwest, Northeast, and Pacific West regional offices; anthropologists and American Indian liaisons in an affiliated Office of Indian Affairs and American Culture in the Intermountain Region; and park anthropologists in parks located in regions (Alaska, Intermountain, Pacific West, and Southeast). In addition there are anthropologists in other NPS programs, such as cultural resources planning, museum management, historic preservation, Federal preservation, and park management. The Cultural Anthropology Program website, (<a href="http://www.nps.gov/ethnography">www.nps.gov/ethnography</a>), provides information on volunteer opportunities, educational resources, publications, management, training, distance learning, research associated with anthropology, and information about the nation's cultural heritage. The program sponsors training workshops and, periodically, web-based distance learning opportunities designed to familiarize Federal, tribal, state, and local agency managers, cultural anthropologists, planners, interpreters, and the public with the program, basic information about cultural anthropology, the heritage of diverse cultural groups, the program's heritage preservation activities, rapid ethnographic assessment and other research methodologies, as well as cultural resources identification, documentation, protection and management.</p>
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## Program Details

Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship</li> </ul>
Research Facilities	Regional Ethnography Offices occasionally contract anthropological research. Contact regional anthropologists directly about potential research opportunities.
Library Resources	Regional offices and parks have modest libraries. The Ethnography Program in Washington, DC shares a library with the Archeology Program. Holdings consist of reports on ethnographic, archeological, cultural affiliation, historical, oral history, curatorial, and architectural studies undertaken in park units.
Internships Available	
Internship Info	Internships are available for advanced undergraduates and graduate students through the National Council for Preservation Education ( <a href="http://www.preservenet.cornell.edu/employ/intern.cfm">www.preservenet.cornell.edu/employ/intern.cfm</a> ). The program includes paid internships of variable length during the summer and the academic year. Exact assignments and schedules are worked out on a case-by-case basis. Most interns are located in the Washington, DC, offices and parks. Regional anthropologists should be contacted directly for any field opportunities.
Internship Required	
Publications	Cultural anthropology articles and other publications are accessible at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/ethnography">http://www.nps.gov/ethnography</a> . The Cultural Anthropology Program contributes to and supports the NPS historic preservation journals: Common Ground, and CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship. NPS research facilities, centers, and other offices publish reports on cultural resources investigations conducted in park units. For further information on these reports contact the Cultural Anthropology Program headquarters office, the research facility, or a park in the area of interest.
Misc Information	Research Opportunities: NPS seeks cooperative relationships with recognized educational and scientific institutions and other qualified individuals or organizations whose research programs or interests complement park objectives. NPS encourages and supports, as appropriate, independent research related to the broader contexts within which park resources exist. NPS facilities and assistance can be made available to qualified scholars who conduct NPS-authorized research, provided that park operations and park resources are not impaired.
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