

LATINO HERITAGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

with Environment for the Americas

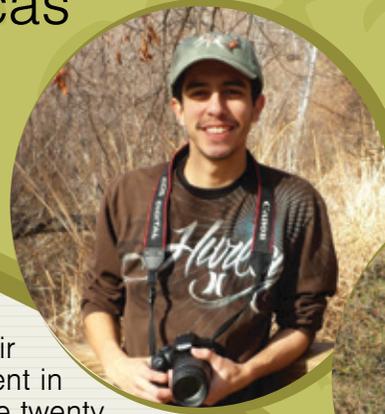


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PURPOSE:

The National Park Service and Environment for the Americas (EFTA) Latino Heritage Internship Program is designed to engage the next generation of conservation stewards. The program will raise awareness of our national parks and historic sites, their accessibility and the need for the Latino community's involvement in their preservation. For this purpose, EFTA will select and oversee twenty highly motivated undergraduate and graduate students to work alongside NPS historians, interpreters, archaeologists, architects, and curators on cultural resources projects in different park units, offices and historical sites throughout the nation. Students will have substantive assignments in their areas of study, work closely with NPS staff day-to-day and receive additional mentoring and support through EFTA. These ten-week internships will be compensated with a weekly stipend, and housing and transportation costs will be fully covered.



BASIC ELIGIBILITY:

- Age 18 to 35
- Be a US citizen, legal resident, or have a J-1 Visa
- Be enrolled in a post-secondary educational program or have graduated from college within the past one year
- Have a strong interest – or relevant experience – in areas pertaining to history, historic preservation, public history, museum studies, archaeology, cultural interpretation, landscape architecture, anthropology or other related fields
- Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) – helpful and more needed for some positions
- Be social media savvy!

TIME FRAME:

- Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2015. Top candidates will be selected for interviews during the months of March and April, and will receive additional details about specific assignments.
- Placement decisions and assignments will generally be made during the month of April.
- The paid 10-week internship period will begin in late May through early June 2015 and conclude in August through early September 2015 depending on specific requirements of the project site.

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SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applications will be reviewed and rated according to the following criteria - relevant educational and work experience, oral and written communication skills, maturity, professionalism, technical knowledge and expertise, evidence of adaptability and adventurousness, and ability to work effectively with diverse audiences. Candidates may express interest in specific geographic and thematic areas. Specific assignments will be based on best fit with specific requirements of each NPS location. Final candidates will undergo a background check before beginning their assignment.

BACKGROUND & GOALS:

A 2014 research briefing by Latino Decisions and the Hispanic Access Foundation analyzed nine major public opinion polls from the last three years and found that Latinos overwhelmingly support greater environmental protections, such as preserving parks and public lands. Additionally, this briefing found that 1) Latinos viewed natural and cultural resource conservation as essential to a better quality of life and that 2) Latinos believe individuals and government have important roles in protecting natural resources and promoting healthy, clean communities. This program will seek to increase the engagement of Latinos, as they are currently the most underrepresented population group in the NPS workforce.

The program will advance employment and community engagement opportunities with an emphasis on cultural resource stewardship and interpretation issues. It will target undergraduates and graduate students, while developing mission critical internship projects that will support NPS goals and objectives. The experience will create strong mentor and protégé relationships and support the career growth of talented students. In addition, it will help to expand NPS outreach into Latino communities nationally and develop deep and sustainable partnerships.

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