

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK VEGETATION MONITORING INTERNSHIP



**Do you love working outdoors?
Have an interest in forest ecology?**

About Us

With over 100 native tree species, 1,500 flowering plant species, and 79 unique plant communities, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most diverse national park in the country. Our Inventory & Monitoring Program studies the status and trends of vegetation communities, rare and sensitive plant species, and other natural resources throughout the park.

Our Vegetation Monitoring Intern Program

We are seeking highly motivated applicants for summer/fall internships. Intern will work primarily in the field on ecological monitoring projects including:

- **Long-term forest monitoring**
- **Wetland inventory**
- **Tabular and spatial data management**
- **Herbarium curation**
- **Rare plant monitoring & restoration**
- **Cross-training & professional development opportunities**

Duration: 24 weeks (~May 17 – Oct 29, 2021)

Compensation: \$185/week living stipend, in-park housing provided, \$3,000 Americorps education award

Location: Gatlinburg, TN



Qualifications

Applicant should be self-motivated, highly organized, detail-oriented, and able to efficiently learn new material and skills. Education and/or experience in ecology, botany, forestry, or resource management preferred. Must be able to hike 5-15 miles/day on- and off-trail in mountainous terrain and inclement weather while carrying a heavy pack. Some overnight backpacking will be required. Intern will be part of a team that prioritizes safety, respect, and effective communication at all times.

How to Apply: Submit cover letter, resume, transcripts, and contact information for 3 references *in a single PDF document* to Alix Pfennigwerth (alix_pfennigwerth@nps.gov). We will begin reviewing applications immediately.