

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified master cooperative agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	P17AS00445
Project Title	Rocky Mountain National Park–Colorado State University Undergraduate Student Internship Program
Recipient	Colorado State University
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$31,056.64
Anticipated Period of Performance	07/07/2017-06/30/2022
Award Instrument	Task Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §100703
CFDA # and Title	15.945 CESU
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Cooperative Agreement Number P17AC00971 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Colorado State University (hereafter referred to as 'Recipient') for the purpose of providing research, technical assistance, and/or education, as described below. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

STATEMENT OF WORK

Park staff will work with the principle investigators to implement an internship program for undergraduate students at Colorado State University. The program will target participation by diverse students. Selected interns will spend a mutually defined period of time in RMNP carrying out projects and/or conducting research. Internships could be conducted during summer months or during fall/spring semesters, dependent on student needs and/or timing constraints of available opportunities. Students could be provided housing in the park if it is available (particularly between September and May). When housing is not available in the park, the selected interns/students will make arrangements for housing as needed.

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

1. Provide an opportunity for Colorado State University students to participate in a collaborative internship program with Rocky Mountain National Park.
2. Coordinate the recruitment of potential interns across multiple colleges and academic departments as needed to match student needs to available internship opportunities, emphasizing identification of diverse candidates. This will include promoting the internship program with the University Honors Program in an attempt to identify potential honor student candidates.
3. Work with park staff to jointly select appropriate interns for each identified project.

4. Coordinate hiring and intern payment.
5. Provide broad supervision, and internship oversight.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREES TO:

1. Identify projects that will provide interns with opportunities to contribute to and learn about authentic NPS work. Topic areas could include natural or cultural resource management; visitor services, tourism and recreation; park administration and business practices; development and maintenance of park facilities; safety; interpretation and environmental education; wilderness management; computer technology and communications.
2. Provide interns with topic specific background information, including pertinent science.
3. Provide work space at the park, work related transportation within the park, and any necessary materials to complete the work.
4. Provide any necessary training, guidance and mentoring through all stages of the internship.
5. Review and provide feedback on performance, any draft and final products and internship outcomes.