The Valley Forge National Historical Park in King of Prussia, PA have some college internships and NPS seasonal jobs opening up. Below is the link for the positions:

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359613800

The internships will be open until filled and the application period for the seasonal jobs is from Monday, January 27th to Friday, January 31st.

If you have any questions contact:

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**Job Title:** Biological Science Technician

**Department:** Department Of The Interior

**Agency:** National Park Service

**Hiring Organization:** Valley Forge National Historical Park

**Job Announcement Number:** GETT-14-22DEU

**SALARY RANGE:** $33,742.00 to $43,870.00 / Per Year

**OPEN PERIOD:** Monday, January 27, 2014 to Friday, January 31, 2014

**SERIES & GRADE:** GS-0404-05

**POSITION INFORMATION:** Full Time - Temporary NTE 1039 hours

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** Few vacancies in the following location:
King of Prussia, PA

**WHO MAY APPLY:** United States Citizens

**SECURITY CLEARANCE:** Q - Nonsensitive

**SUPERVISORY STATUS:** No
JOB SUMMARY:

Experience your America and build a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service (NPS). Become a part of our mission to unite our past, our cultures and our special places, to establish important connections to the present and build a rich and lasting legacy for future generations. 
http://www.nps.gov/index.htm

This position serves as a Biological Science Technician working on natural resource management projects. We anticipate filling three vacancies for this position. One position will serve as a student liaison (Youth Conservation Corps Crew Leader) and the other two will work on a broad range of natural resource management project. These positions are seasonal in nature and will not exceed 1039 hours in a service year (6 months). You may be brought back in future seasons. Future vacancies may be filled through this announcement. For Park information, visit http://www.nps.gov/vafo
Information on employment types can be found at https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Employment_Types

TRAVEL REQUIRED

- Not Required

RELOCATION AUTHORIZED

- Yes

- Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will be paid if the person selected for the position is from outside the local commuting area and is otherwise eligible for reimbursement of relocation expenses under the Federal Travel Regulations.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. Citizenship Required

- Appointment subject to background investigation and favorable adjudication.

- A valid driver’s license is required

- Government housing may be available
**DUTIES:**

Implements established natural resource management projects. Following instructions and standardized procedures, collects and organizes field data. Ensures adequate quality control of data collected. Performs routine and recurring testing of collected samples. Records all data collected and provides preliminary assessment and classification of the information. Seeks assistance for situations not covered by instructions and guidelines.

Installs, operates, and maintains resource management equipment (tools, traps, and sampling, monitoring, photographic, and laboratory equipment). Inventories equipment, evaluates quality assurance compliance, and calibrates equipment as necessary. Orders replacement parts, new equipment, and supplies.

Provides advice, assistance, and training to students, student conservation assistants, and volunteers involved in resource management projects and field research.

Utilizes a variety of computer programs to compile, reduce, store, retrieve, analyze, and report data and other resource management projects. Maintains and organizes computer databases.

Provides information to other employees and visitors about the natural resource management program; refers unusual questions to the supervisor. May develop and present related interpretive programs to the public.

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**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

In order to qualify for this position you must have one year of specialized experience or qualifying education as follows:

One year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-4 level in the Federal Service. Specialized experience for this position includes, but is not limited to:

- Research activity or control program work; OR
- Nursery work that required the growing and maintenance of plants in a controlled environment; OR
- Work comparable to that with a large dairy farm where production records, animal environment, and sanitary conditions were kept in accordance with modern dairy practice. (Farming experience that was not performed in a controlled environment, or experience as a laborer who was not responsible for planning and scheduling his/her own work, but only performed assigned tasks, would not qualify as specialized experience); OR
- Work assisting with the performance of wildlife inventories and monitoring activities for a variety of wildlife species.

OR
A bachelor’s degree with a major study or at least 24 semester hours in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics. At least 6 semester hours of courses must be directly related to the position to be filled. **YOU MUST SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS OR ITEMIZED COURSE LIST.**

**OR**

A combination of education and experience that when totaled equal 100 percent or more of the qualifications requirement. For example, I have 6 months of specialized experience described in A above (50% of the experience requirement), and 90 semester hours/3 years of undergraduate college study that meets the requirements mentioned above (50% of the qualifying education requirement). **NOTE:** Only education in excess of the first 60 semester hours is creditable toward meeting the qualification requirements. **YOU MUST SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS OR ITEMIZED COURSE LIST.**

Specialized experience is defined as experience that has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs), competencies to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. Only experience obtained by Friday, January 31, 2014 of this announcement will be considered.

**ARE YOU USING YOUR EDUCATION TO QUALIFY?**

You **MUST** provide transcripts or other documentation to support your educational claims. Unless otherwise stated: (1) unofficial transcripts are acceptable, or (2) you may submit a list with all of your courses, grades, semester, year, and credit for the course. All materials must be submitted by the closing date of the announcement.

Applicants can verify accreditation [HERE](http://www.sss.gov/default.htm). You can receive credit for education received outside the United States if you provide evidence that it is comparable to an accredited education institution in the United States when you apply. For further information click [HERE](http://www.sss.gov/default.htm). Transcripts do not need to be official but if you are selected for this position and you used your education to qualify then you will need to provide official transcripts before you enter on duty.

Males born after 12-31-59 must be registered or exempt from Selective Service. You check your status, please visit: [http://www.sss.gov/default.htm](http://www.sss.gov/default.htm)

All Federal employees are required by Public Law 104-134 to have federal payments made by Direct Deposit.

**HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:**

**Category Rating:** Once the application process is complete, a review of resume and supporting documentation will be made and compared against your responses to the assessment questionnaire to determine if you are qualified for this job. If, after reviewing your resume and or supporting documentation, a determination is made that you have inflated your qualifications and or experience, you may lose consideration for this position. Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may affect your eligibility.

Category rating procedures will be used to rate and rank candidates. The category assignment is a measure of the degree in which your background matches the competencies required for this position. Qualified candidates will be ranked into 3 categories: Best Qualified, Well Qualified, Qualified.
The Category Rating Process does not add veterans' preference points or apply the "rule of three", but protects the rights of veterans by placing them ahead of non-preference eligibles within each category. Preference eligibles who meet the minimum qualification requirements and who have a compensable service-connected disability of at least 10 per cent must be listed in the highest quality category (except in the case of scientific or professional positions at the GS-9 level or higher).

Your qualification will be evaluated on the following competencies/knowledge, skill, abilities, and other characteristics:

**BENEFITS:**
The National Park Service offers a variety of benefits available to Federal service employees including annual leave, sick leave, health benefits, life insurance, and retirement plans. You can review our benefits at: [http://www.usa.gov/Federal-Employees/Benefits.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Federal-Employees/Benefits.shtml)

Temporary employees are eligible to earn leave and are covered by Social Security and unemployment compensation, but do not receive the other fringe benefits provided to career civil service employees. Current law allows temporary employees to purchase health insurance after they have one year of temporary service, but the employee must pay the full cost, including the Government's contribution. Employees are not eligible for coverage under the Federal Government Life Insurance program or the Federal Employees Retirement System

**OTHER INFORMATION:**
Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) or Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP): For information on how to apply as an ICTAP or CTAP eligible see: [http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/workforce-restructuring/employee-guide-to-career-transition](http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/workforce-restructuring/employee-guide-to-career-transition). To be well-qualified and exercise selection priority for this vacancy, displaced Federal employees must be rated at 85 or above on the rating criteria for this position.

**HOW TO APPLY:**
**Online**, you must complete the occupational questionnaire and submit the documentation specified in the Required Documents section below.

To begin, click **Apply Online** to create a USAJOBS account or log in to your existing account. Follow the prompts to select your USAJOBS resume and/or other supporting documents and complete the occupational questionnaire.

Click the **Submit My Answers** button to submit your application package. It is your responsibility to ensure your responses and appropriate documentation is submitted prior to the closing date.

To verify your application is complete, log into your USAJOBS account, [https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/Login](https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/Login), select the Application Status link and then select the more
information link for this position. The Details page will display the status of your application, the
documentation received and processed, and any correspondence the agency has sent related to this
application. Your uploaded documents may take several hours to clear the virus scan process.

To return to an incomplete application, log into your USAJOBS account and click Update
Application in the vacancy announcement. You must re-select your resume and/or other documents from
your USAJOBS account or your application will be incomplete. If you applied online and your application
is complete, do not fax the paper application (1203FX) as this will overwrite your prior online responses
and may result in you being found ineligible.

Fax, you will need to: (1) Print the occupational questionnaire: View Occupational Questionnaire, (2)
Print the 1203 FX form: http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdffimage/opm1203fx.pdf and provide your responses
to the occupational questionnaire items. (3) Fax all six pages of the completed 1203 FX form along with
any supporting documents to 1-478-757-3144. Your 1203 FX will serve as a cover page for your fax
transmission.

To Fax Supporting Documents:
If you completed the occupational questionnaire online and are unable to upload supporting document(s):
Please complete the following cover page: http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascover.pdf and provide the
Vacancy ID: 1020945. Fax the completed cover page along with your supporting documents to: 1-478-
757-3144.

The complete application package must be submitted by 11:59 PM (EST) on Friday, January 31, 2014 to
receive consideration.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:
The following documents are required and must be received by the closing date of this announcement:

1. Your Resume
2. A complete Assessment Questionnaire
3. Other supporting documents
   - Veterans Preference Documentation, if applicable
   - Transcripts, if applicable

Note: Please ensure that your resume contains your full name, address, phone number, employment
information such as employer name and location; from and to dates (or to present for current position),
which includes the month, year, and hours worked per week for each description of experience, with pay
plan/grade, if applicable education and training, etc. Part-time hours are prorated. You will not receive any
credit for experience that does not indicate exact hours per week or is listed as "varies". Your description
of experience and education must be able to support any claim for qualifying for this position. In
describing your experience, please be clear and specific. We may not make any assumptions regarding
your experience. If your resume does not support your questionnaire answers, we will not allow credit for your response. Please limit your resume to no more than 5 pages.

To view a sample resume visit: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Sample_Resume

If you are veteran with preference eligibility and you are claiming 5-points veterans' preference (TP), you must submit a copy of your DD214 or other proof of eligibility. The DD214 must show your character of service. If you are claiming 10-point veterans’ preference (CP, CPS, XP, Derived XP) you must also submit an SF-15, "Application for 10-Point Veterans' Preference plus the proof required by that form. You will not receive veterans preference for this announcement if you fail to provide acceptable supporting documents. For more information on veterans’ preference and the required supporting documents visit: http://www.fedshirevets.gov/job/vetpref/index.aspx

Do not send copies of documents unless specifically requested. Do not send photographs. Application materials cannot be accepted by mail or email sent to the hr office. If you do send them directly to the HR office by mail or email, you will not receive consideration.

**AGENCY CONTACT INFO:**

National Park Service  
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Agency Information:  
National Park Service  
Northeast Region  
200 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA  
19106

**WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:**

Once the online questionnaire is received, you will receive an acknowledgement email that your submission was successful. An evaluation of your complete application will be made and you will be notified of your rating and/or referral to the hiring official. If further evaluation or interviews are required, you will be contacted.

For additional information regarding this announcement or how to apply, please contact the HR Office at number or email provided above. For specific questions pertaining to the position being advertised, please contact Deirdre Gibson at deirdre_gibson@nps.gov or 610-783-1047. Email is the preferred method of inquiry as it provides the fastest response time. When inquiring by email please include the job announcement number (GETT-14-22DEU) in the subject line.

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