MS Graduate Assistantship Available
NC State Recreation Resources Service

Summary: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) is accepting applications for a masters level graduate assistantship that will begin in August 2016. This assistantship is funded by a grant from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources which supports the Recreation Resources Service (RRS) at NC State. The successful applicant will provide staff support to various projects and initiatives during the two year term. While the primary focus will be on the RRS Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the graduate assistant will also support staff with ongoing workshops, projects, and office operations. Additionally, the graduate assistant will have the opportunity to work with the program director to promote PRORAGIS.

Key Responsibilities: Assist with development of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and implement and promote PRORAGIS. Also, assist director with coordination of Parks and Recreation Directors’ Conference and other programs and activities.

Additional Responsibilities: Support staff with workshops and events and manage registration process for various RRS programs and events. Additionally, the executive director may assign additional projects and duties as needed.

Qualifications: The successful candidate must pursue a MS degree in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management and must have strong interest in park planning and the role of public parks and recreation in health and wellbeing. It is expected that the student’s masters thesis will align with these interests. Candidates for the assistantship must meet admission standards and be fully admitted to the PRTM masters program. Candidates must have highly positive recommendations from previous positions. Prior experience in community parks and recreation planning or administration is desirable.

Stipend: The assistantship provides an annual stipend of $16,500 for two years along with health insurance and tuition. The stipend is for 2 years, and it is contingent on annual performance and progress toward degree. To apply, applicants must submit an online application to the NC State Graduate School and must indicate in the personal statement that they are applying for the Recreation Resources Service Graduate Assistantship. Applications received by January 15, 2016 will receive full consideration. Questions about the assistantship can be sent to Dr. Yu-Fai Leung, Director of Graduate Programs (leung@ncsu.edu).

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