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Diversity Internship Program



NPS UNIT: TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT		PD#: 43
<p>Position Title: Soundscape Technician Position Type: LHIP Traditional Internship (Public Land Corps) Primary natural resource discipline: Resource Management Location: 26260 AZ-188, Roosevelt, AZ 85545</p>		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
<p>Position Description: Tonto National Monument (TONT) was established to preserve, protect, and interpret prehistoric cliff dwellings, other archeological sites, and the natural resources of the Upper Sonoran Desert ecosystem. This ecosystem is composed of a variety of natural sounds that create an immersive experience for visitors and play an important role in wildlife behavior. The chosen intern will work as part of an interdisciplinary team to implement a sound recording project. The primary goal of this project is to capture and preserve the unique soundscape of the park in support of the park’s interpretation and resource management goals. As project leader, the intern will set up field recording equipment, identify and record natural and human sounds, and manage sound recording data. The intern will design and author an activity page on soundscapes for inclusion in the Tonto National Monument Junior Ranger Program booklet. Finally, the intern will produce a final report describing methodology, results, and future recommendations of the sound recording project.</p> <p>As this is an interdisciplinary position, the intern will be trained to assist park staff in interpretation and resource management. Routine tasks may include website and social media assistance, monitoring backcountry archeological sites, and collecting backcountry game camera, air quality, and weather station data.</p> <p>This position is offered through the National Park Service's Latino Heritage Internship Program in partnership with Environment for the Americas.</p>		
COVID ACCOMMODATIONS		
No		
LEARNING GOALS		
The intern will gain skills in leadership and problem-solving by serving as a leader for a new sound recording project at Tonto National Monument. Training will be provided on a variety of interpretation and park management topics by assisting park staff with routine tasks. The intern will gain professional experience in working as part of a collaborative team.		
MENTORING		

An interdisciplinary team made up of the park's Lead Ranger and Archeologist will provide project oversight and serve as the intern's direct supervisors. Upon arrival at the park, the supervisors will provide informal orientation to introduce the intern to the park and the assigned project. The intern will work with other park staff – park guides, natural resources intern, and volunteers – on routine tasks over the entire duration of the internship.

PROJECT RESULTS

N/A

LEADERSHIP

N/A

DHA-RAI OUTCOMES

N/A

NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

Physical Work Environment: The Monument is over 1,120 acres of desert environment that is comprised of diverse plant and animals including many species of cacti, snakes, bees, scorpions, lizards, and tarantulas. The Monument ranges in elevation from 2300' to 4000' and temperatures range from 30 to 115 degrees Fahrenheit. The Monument is near Roosevelt, Arizona, 125 miles east of Phoenix and 30 miles NW of Globe on Highway 88/188. Services near the Monument are very limited. The closest grocery store is 30 minutes away by vehicle. Nearby Lake Roosevelt and Tonto National Forest offer many recreational opportunities. The location of the Monument brings in a diverse array of visitors, including a large Spanish-speaking population.

Work Environment: This position is approximately 60% office and 40% fieldwork based. The intern will be required to hike off-trail in the backcountry in varied terrain. Summer temperatures often reach above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The intern should be prepared to carry equipment and field gear in these conditions. The intern will be prohibited from working outside under extreme heat or other potentially dangerous conditions. The Monument regularly hosts interns during summer months.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A personal vehicle is not required to commute between housing and the park. However, a personal vehicle is highly recommended due to the lack of nearby essential establishments, including groceries and medical care. Public transportation is not available at the park. A driver's license is required to operate park-owned vehicles. A park-owned vehicle is needed to access some areas of the backcountry.