



SEASONAL TECHNICIAN POSITION OUTREACH

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (Insects & Disease)
GS-0499-04/05 or GS-0404-04/05 (\$14.94/\$16.72/hr)

Forest Health Protection – Alaska Region

Actual Duty Station: Juneau, Alaska



The U.S. Forest Service is seeking to fill a temporary seasonal position in Juneau, AK. The official position announcement will be made on the USA jobs website under the 0499 series (Biological Science Technician Pathways Program Student Intern) and the 0404 series (Seasonal Biological Science Technician- Insects & Disease). Applications must be submitted via USA jobs (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>).

If you respond to this outreach, we will notify you when the job announcements have been posted to the USA jobs website (February 2014). See pages 3-5 for eligibility requirements of the Federal Pathways Program. If you do not qualify for the Pathways Program because you are not a student, you may still qualify for the 0404 series position. Please contact Robin Mulvey (rlmulvey@fs.fed.us, 907-586-7971) for more information.

- Assist Juneau Forest Health Protection staff with forest health field and laboratory projects related to pathology, entomology, invasive plants, etc. This may also include forest health aerial survey work conducted by float plane.
- Require at least 1 year of post-secondary education in forestry, NRM, biology or related field with adequate forestry field experience. At least 6 semester hours of forest pathology or entomology coursework is preferred.
- Become familiar with the tools and equipment used by FHP field personnel as needed (e.g., GPS, Trimble data recorders, USGS quad maps, satellite phones, aerial photos, increment borer, compass, BAF prism, microscopes). Perform basic forest measurements, such as tree diameter, height, and crown condition, and develop familiarity with forest diseases and/or insects.
- Learn and use basic procedures for the collecting fungal, insect and/or plant specimens, and taking other standard field measurements. Keep clear, thorough, and consistent lab/field records.
- Provide your own personal field clothing, such as rain gear, appropriate footwear, and warm layers. Tents, sleeping bags and other camping equipment can be provided for work trips.
- Work under conditions that can be arduous and require regular and recurring physical exertion. Work may be performed in inclement weather (cold, heat, rain, snow), on rugged, steep, slippery, or brushy slopes. Crewmembers must frequently carry a 20 lb pack and hike long distances to field sites. Exposure to hazards such as bears and insects is common.
- Work a flexible field schedule. Possibilities exist for extended stays in remote tent camps.
- Take all of the training required by the Forest Service, Region 10, and Forest Health Protection as it pertains to the position, or additional training as directed by FHP staff (e.g., bear awareness, CPR/First aid, shoreline survival, computer security, etc.). Many of these trainings will take place in Juneau the week of **May 18th, 2015**, the anticipated start date of this position.
- Possess a valid driver's license and be willing to obtain a U.S. government driver's license.

- Reside in Juneau; lodging will be available for the seasonal in the USFS Bunkhouse on Back Loop Rd at the Juneau Ranger District (~\$12.35/day). The bunkhouse consists of 3 apartment units, each with 2 shared bedrooms, a kitchen/dining area, bathrooms, and access to a washing machine and dryer.

Please see below for more information regarding the duty station and Pathways Program requirements. If you feel you meet the qualifications and can fulfill the position duties and start dates (above) and would like more information, please contact: Robin Mulvey at 907-586-7971 or rlmulvey@fs.fed.us

ABOUT JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, the state capital, is located in the Panhandle of southeast Alaska. Situated in the upper Inside Passage, Juneau is almost 600 air miles (965 km) from Anchorage and 900 miles (1450 km) from Seattle. The current population of Juneau is roughly 31,000 year-round residents. Juneau is in the temperate coastal rainforest, and has a milder climate than its latitude might suggest. The average daily high temperature is 29°F (-2°C) in January and 64°F (18°C) in August. Rainfall is distributed throughout the year, and annually ranges from 40 inches (100 cm) to 150 inches (380 cm), depending on location, with downtown Juneau averaging 90 inches (230 cm). Fall is the wettest season, while spring is the driest.

Downtown Juneau is at sea level, and is backed by steep mountains (3,500–4,000 ft). The Juneau Icefield sits atop these mountains and is the source of more than 30 glaciers, some of which are visible from the local road system. The forest is primarily composed of western hemlock and Sitka spruce, and mountain hemlock, shore pine and yellow-cedar are also present. The Tongass National Forest comprises much of southeast Alaska, and is the largest national forest in the United States, covering nearly 17 million acres. Glacier Bay National Park is located northwest of Juneau and various National Wilderness Areas and Wildlife Refuges are scattered throughout the Panhandle.

Juneau is recognized for its world-class recreation. Its extensive trail system (>240 miles) is considered one of the best in Alaska. Public use cabins are located throughout the District. Excellent fishing, wildlife viewing, and other recreational opportunities are accessible from the Juneau road system, as well as more remote locations. Eaglecrest Ski Area, owned by the City of Juneau and located on Douglas Island, offers downhill skiing, snowboarding and groomed cross-country ski trails. No stop in Juneau is complete without a visit to the [Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center](#).

Juneau can be accessed by air or ferry/boat. Daily jet service and smaller Alaska Airlines commuter planes provide service to Juneau and nearby communities. The [Alaska Marine Highway](#) ferry system connects Juneau with other southeast Alaska towns. Several air charter companies can meet your transportation needs to remote areas. Living in southeast Alaska is a unique, exceptional and memorable adventure. For more detailed information, please visit the websites listed below:

Alaska Region 10- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/>

Tongass National Forest- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/>

Glacier Bay National Park- <http://www.nps.gov/glba/index.htm>

Juneau Ranger District- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/districts/juneau/jrd.shtml>

The Community of Juneau- <http://www.juneau.com>; <http://www.kinyradio.com/>; <http://juneau.org/>
<http://www.juneauempire.com>; <http://www.juneauchamber.com/>; <http://www.city-data.com/city/Juneau-Alaska.html>

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Pathways Program Student Eligibility Review

What You Need to Know

The Pathways Program requires agencies to review and validate students' continued eligibility in the Internship Program. The Pathways Team will be contacting students to request updated academic documentation.

To remain eligible for employment through the Pathways Internship Program, Pathways employees must be students. The definition of a student is an individual accepted for enrollment or enrolled and seeking a degree (diploma, certificate, etc.) at a qualifying educational institution. This requirement is outlined in the Pathways Participant Agreement.

What You Need to Do

Each student will be requested to provide current academic records. The academic records must be from the school they are attending, verify they are in good academic standing, and verify that they are currently enrolled at least half-time. This includes all courses and grades for the fall 2014 school term and course enrollment for the spring 2015 school term.

Please Note: The academic records provided must include the student's full name, the school's name, GPA/academic standing, degree/certificate program, and enrollment status. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable as long as they provide the required information and are in a non-editable format. Any academic documentation (other than unofficial or official transcripts) must be issued from an authorized academic source (e.g., school registrar's office).

Students are required to notify their supervisors of any changes in their enrollment status, work schedule, and/or degree program. Supervisors must notify the Pathways Team of any changes by opening a HR Help case.



Federal Pathways Program GENERAL OUTREACH



USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region, Region 10

STUDENT/INTERN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Inspiring Students to Federal Service

Job opportunities include students at all levels from high school, vocational/technical, undergraduate, levels and graduate levels.

This recruitment notice is to provide students with updated information regarding the hiring process for potential employment with Federal agencies. Federal agencies have embarked on a new hiring process for interns and the intersection of the "Hiring Reform" will provide all students the opportunity to apply and compete for positions nationwide and agency wide. These targeted approaches are to improve the recruitment and hiring of diverse, talented men and women as well as honoring the service of our veterans.

There are several major components to the new Pathways Program. The Federal Pathways Programs were created to address the federal government's competitive disadvantage in recruiting the best and the brightest at the beginning of their careers. To learn more please visit <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-authorities/students-recent-graduates/>

The Pathways Programs provide three clear paths to federal internships and careers in government for students and recent graduates:

- The Internship Program is designed for current students will give students at the high school, vocational/technical, undergraduate and graduate levels paid opportunities to work in agencies and explore federal career. The program is designed to provide students with opportunities to explore Federal careers while still in school. It replaces the Student Temporary Experience Program (STEP) and the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). Students may be hired on a temporary basis for up to one year (NTE Intern) or for an indefinite period (Indefinite Intern).
- The Recent Graduates Program, which replaces the Federal Career Intern Program (FCIP) terminated in 2011, will be open to individuals who have graduated from qualifying educational institutions or programs in the last two years. Veterans may have up to six years after graduation to apply under this new provision. The program is available to individuals who have completed qualifying degree or certificate programs in the previous two years. Qualified veterans may have an extended application period due to military service obligation.
- The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program for advanced degree candidates expands eligibility to individuals who have received a qualifying advanced degree within the preceding two years. The program provides an expanded eligibility window for individuals who have completed an advanced degree within the past two years.

Note: The Presidential Management Fellows Program (PMF) application process is managed by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and most of the information above does not apply to the PMF program. OPM posts PMF opportunities, once a year, usually in the Fall. For Information about this process, please go to the PMF website at: www.pmf.gov

What you need to know

- In February and September of 2015, the Forest Service will advertise an agency wide Pathways job announcement for Internship and Recent Graduate opportunities using the USAJobs website: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- The application period will be brief, so we recommend that you prepare your application materials in advance (see below).
- You will need to complete an application for those positions that match your academic or career goals and for any locations you are willing to work at. During the application process, you will be asked to choose what duty locations you would be willing to accept. The Forest Service has over 700 work locations across the nation.
- Orientation, mentoring, and training plans are requirements of the programs.

What can you do in advance to prepare?

- Get familiar with USAJobs. See “How to Apply for a Job on USAJobs” at: http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/USAJOBS_Instructions.pdf
- Create an account on USAJobs website. <https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/Account>
- Use the USAJobs tool to create a profile and resume
- Post all relevant documents to your USAJob account, i.e. current transcripts, degree completion documentation, letters of recommendations, and veterans preference documentation
- Sign-up for e-mail notifications for Forest Service job postings using the “save search” function in your USAJobs profile.
- Subscribe to the Forest Service Jobs Twitter feed @ForestService to receive updates on the Pathways opportunities. We will use the Twitter hashtag : #FSstudentjobs.
- Go to the Forest Service website and decide which locations you would be willing to work at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/maps/products/guide-national-forests09.pdf>
- You can learn more about how to apply for Pathways opportunities on USAJobs through an Office of Personnel Management video on YouTube:
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Proposed Occupations for the National Pathways Postings	
Social Science, Psychology, & Welfare Group Student Trainee	0199
Human Resources Management Group Student Trainee	0299
General Administration, Clerical, and Office Services Group Student Trainee	0399
Natural Resources and Biological Sciences Group Student Trainee	0499
Accounting and Budget Group Student Trainee	0599
Engineering and Architecture Group Student Trainee	0899
Information, Communications, and Arts Group Student Trainee	1099
Business, Contracting, Procurement, and Industry Group Student Trainee	1199
Physical Sciences Group Student Trainee	1399
Education Group Student Trainee	1799
Inspection, Investigation, Enforcement, & Compliance Group Student Trainee	1899
Information Technology Group Student Trainee	2299

What's The Next Step?

Once interested applicants have a profile established on USAJOBS they now may begin the process of searching for positions that they may be interested in. It is important to remember when applying for positions to take some time to review the duties, of the position, the duty location of the position, and the qualifications of the positions so you are well informed and to ensure you are eligible. Don't forget to apply by the closing date of each announcement! Visit this link with video tutorials to learn more about searching for Internship positions nationwide and service wide: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentJobs/>. Visit the Resource Tab on USAJOBS to review the Questions and Answers, How to create your resume, watch tutorials, and etc. There is a wealth of information location within the Resource Tab. https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page