The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is partnering with the Southern Region of the US Forest Service to administer the Integrated Fire and Recreation (IFR) Internship. This program is designed to provide college graduates from under-represented and diverse backgrounds with opportunities to gain the skills necessary to launch a career in fire, recreation or natural resource management.

**PROGRAM DETAILS:**

- **Program Dates:** January 6 - April 27, 2019
- Internship starts with two weeks training consisting of
  - basic firefighter training
  - work capacity test (completing a 3 mile hike in 45 minutes while carrying a 45 lb. pack)
  - basic trail management and maintenance
- After training, member will spend 14 weeks on Forest Service districts in the southeastern U.S. receiving on-the-job training in fire, recreation, and natural resource management

**DEADLINE**

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, but those submitted by October 15th will be given priority.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

1. Complete an Internship/Corps Application online at thesca.org
2. Add the promo code PO-00726824 to your application.
3. Contact SCA at aorozco@thesca.org or 603.543.1700 x1327 with any questions.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- US Citizen
- 18-30 years of age
- Available from Jan 6 to April 27, 2019
- Completion of an associate's degree & minimum of 2.0 GPA
- Background in natural resource management or biological sciences preferred
- Completion of the Work Capacity (Pack) Test during the training period. Wildland firefighting demands a high level of fitness to work in difficult environmental conditions, including steep terrain, extreme temperatures, altitude, and smoke
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check
- Participants must provide their own transportation to and from duty stations
- SCA is an EOE dedicated to workforce diversity

**BENEFITS**

- $500/wk living allowance
- Housing or housing allowance
- Travel allowance
- Hands on experience
- Opportunity to participate in a 14-day fire assignments
- Training and skill-building needed to effectively compete for permanent positions throughout the United States Forest Service (USFS)
- If internship is completed, interns will earn the Public Land Corps Hiring Authority making them eligible to apply to merit vacancy announcements for two years