



## **USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program**

**Position.** Climate Education Fellow

**Duration.** 8 Month Fellowship (32 weeks): Starting June 2023 – February 2024 (dates are dependent upon the start date)

**Location.** USDA Forest Service Conservation Education  
1400 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20250

**Reports To.** The Climate Education Fellow will report to the Environmental Education Specialist

### **Job Overview**

Climate change has a large-scale, negative impact on our forests and grasslands, and education is a key strategy in addressing this impact. USFS's Conservation Education (CE) team is committed to providing high-quality, science-based education approaches to engage learners of all ages in solutions. The CE team seeks a Climate Education fellow to provide support to research, develop, and implement climate education programs to support the USDA Forest Service mission. The successful candidate has a passion for the role education plays in addressing climate change; is organized and detail oriented; and has strong verbal and written communication skills.

### **Responsibilities and Duties**

The RA would be responsible for helping to implement CE's climate change education efforts through the following:

- a. Understanding effective environmental education techniques (through training via the Guidelines for Excellence in Environmental Education);
- b. Researching and compiling an inventory of climate change efforts happening across the Agency and within USDA;
- c. Identifying key opportunities to integrate climate change education into existing CE programs and initiatives;
- d. Working across departments to identify, collaborate, and complement existing climate change efforts with high-quality education strategies;
- e. Supporting the NatureWatch, Interpretation, and Conservation Education (NICE) database by running queries, developing presentations, and supporting users;
- f. Collaborating with key partners in the climate education space to learn about their efforts and see how USFS can benefit and support; and
- g. Writing web content and developing presentations around CE's climate change education efforts.



### **Qualifications**

The ideal candidate is:

- Interested in the role of education in helping address climate change.
- Comfortable working independently and in group settings.
- Skilled at networking and developing relationships within the Agency and with partners.
- Detail oriented and good critical thinking skills.
- Good at researching and compiling information from a variety of sources.
- Skilled at writing and communicating complex information in a digestible way to a variety of audiences.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Completion of 2 years at an accredited university, an Associate's degree, or higher
- US citizenship or permanent residency. RAs must undergo a government background check if selected.
- Participation in US Forest Service Orientation Training scheduled for June 2023