

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Rocky Mountain National Park-Colorado State University Undergraduate Student Internship Program

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
Students Involvement: Yes, interns
Effective Dates: 9/1/2016 - 8/31/2021
Funding Amount: \$ 42,116

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Project Abstract: This cooperative agreement will develop an internship program for diverse undergraduate students at Colorado State University (CSU). Students will complete independent capstone projects that help them develop important skills while contributing information to assist in managing or better understanding Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP).

This project will serve a public purpose by providing an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in in RMNP research and management for the benefit of the greater community. It will also engage university students and faculty in shared environmental stewardship.

The internships will provide a valuable opportunity for students to gain real work experience with a federal agency. Additionally, interns will expose federal agency staff to the values and culture of the next generation of workers. The interactions between agency staff and interns will provide a unique opportunity to increase the relevancy of the National Park Service (NPS) to young constituents, develop the next generation of land stewards, and sponsor excellence in science and scholarship. Colorado State University supports students who are studying a broad diversity of topics through a variety of colleges and academic departments. These students will benefit from internship opportunities that cover a broad range of topics that are pertinent to RMNP.

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