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Traditional Trades Advancement Program (TTAP) Member- Tumacácori National Historical Park

Summary

American Conservation Experience, a nonprofit Conservation Corps, in partnership with the National Park Service is seeking 2 Traditional Trades Advancement Program (TTAP) Members to contribute to a variety of historic preservation projects alongside Tumacácori National Historical Park maintenance staff.

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For more information about TTAP, please visit
<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1098/traditional-trades-apprenticeship-program.htm>.

Start Date: 03/6/2023-4/3/2023

Estimated End Date: 9/2/2023 (or 26 weeks after start date)

**a 26-week minimum commitment is required **

Location Details/Description: Just 20 miles north of the southern border, Tumacácori sits at a cultural crossroads in the Santa Cruz River valley. Here O'odham, Yaqui, and Apache people met and mingled with European Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries, settlers, and soldiers, sometimes in conflict and sometimes in cooperation. Follow the timeworn paths and discover stories that connect us to enduring relationships, vibrant cultures, and traditions of long ago.

The closest towns for amenities are Rio Rico, AZ (10 miles) and Green Valley, AZ (22 miles), and Nogales (20 miles). Nogales has medical facilities (hospital and urgent care), multiple grocery options (Walmart, Safeway and other smaller stores), Home Depot, a movie theater, vehicle services, and more.

For more information about Tumacácori National Historical Park please visit <https://www.nps.gov/tuma/index.htm>

Position Overview: Members will gain insight into the basic principles of historic preservation and learn the methods of assessing and documenting the overall integrity and conditions of the historic structures and ruins. Members will work alongside and under the direction of highly skilled and seasoned adobe masons, architectural conservators, and preservationists to get hands-on experience in making adobes and applying soil and lime stucco to preserve fragile earthen architecture. These TTAP members will get unparalleled first-hand access to the knowledge and experience of professional NPS stewards at Tumacacori and develop the skill set and discipline needed to succeed in the real world after the internship.

This individual placement is meant to facilitate professional development and promotes exposure to land management agencies and networking with professionals. This could include gaining experience in different conservation fields and shadowing different work groups.

Schedule: 5/4/9 schedule. 6am-3:30pm Monday-Friday, with every other Friday off. May start days earlier in the summer months.

Position Benefits

Living Allowance: The ACE Member is expected to contribute ~40 hours/week and will receive a living allowance of \$720/week to offset the costs of food and incidental expenses, dispersed bi-weekly.

Public Land Corps Hiring Authority: Members serving under this agreement may be eligible for a federal hiring authority upon completion of their term of service. PLC projects also include specific eligibility requirements such as age and citizenship. Please contact ACE staff with questions about eligibility, or view general information online [here](#).

Housing: Park housing may be provided for ACE Members located outside of the commuting area or for whom commuting is impractical.

Provided Training/Orientation: ACE members will receive position specific training and an orientation outlining ACE policies and procedures, clear guidance on prohibited activities, and networks for support. Specific training may include OSHA Certification and Historic Preservation Fundamentals courses.

Qualifications

Required:

- Members must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident, as required by U.S. government contracts
- Willing and able to represent ACE and the partner organization in a professional, positive, and enthusiastic manner.
- Ability to be both self-directed/work alone, and be a positive, contributing member of a group.
- A current and valid form of ID (will be required to provide copies of ID's upon hiring)
- Willing to undergo and must pass the required two-part criminal history check.
- Ability to perform the essential duties of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.
- ACE Members must verify that they are fully vaccinated for Covid-19 or have requested and been granted a medical or religious exemption to vaccination by the time they start their term.
- ACE Members will need to complete bi-weekly timesheets, beginning of term feedback forms, end of term evaluations and for longer terms, a mid-term evaluation.
- To learn more about eligibility requirements, please visit our website [here](#).

Preferred:

- Competitive applicants for this position can hold or be pursuing a minimum of a high school diploma and/or have relevant experience in subject areas such as construction trades, use of hand and power tools.
- Knowledge of one or more trade practices, such as masonry, carpentry, roofing, mechanics, and/or painting.
- Familiarity with construction and craftsmanship.
- Basic familiarity with common factors in deterioration of buildings and structures.
- Ability and willingness to use and care for common hand tools and portable or stationary power tools

- associated with the trade (e.g., hammers, saws, drills, planers, etc.)
- Deep interest in preserving history.
- A career interest in building trade skills and/or historic preservation.

To Apply: Please submit your resume, a cover letter demonstrating your interest and experience, and contact information for three professional/academic references to the online application page for this position here: <https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/>. Early consideration will be given as resumes are received. This position may close at any time. If you have any questions regarding this position please feel free to contact ACE EPIC Member Coordinator, Bianca Wahkinney at bwahkinney@usaconservation.org.

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