



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service  
Pacific Northwest Research Station**

**Resource Monitoring and Assessment  
Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Data Collection**

**FOREST INVENTORY INTERNSHIP**

*The Pacific Northwest Research Station anticipates filling **8** intern positions for the 2018 field season. These internships will be with the Forest Inventory and Analysis program and selected individuals will work on a small multiple-person field crew, collecting ecological data on forest health and change. Each position will be assigned to one of 8 satellite duty stations in Washington, Oregon, or California. A weekly living allowance, monthly housing allowance, and travel allowance are provided. Health benefits may be included.*

Program Overview:

The Forest Inventory and Analysis Program (FIA) is part of a nationwide program which collects, processes, analyzes, evaluates, and publishes comprehensive information on forests and other related renewable resources.

Internships with the FIA program are primarily field based, with the field season running between the months of April and October. Field crews composed of 2-3 individuals collect ecological data that include: forest type; stand size and stand age; land-use and ownership; natural and anthropogenic treatments and disturbances; tree attributes; vegetation structure and composition; insects and disease; fuel loading; and various geographical attributes. FIA crews visit remote research sites on foot, often hiking off-trail for considerable distances (>5 miles) in rugged terrain while exposed to adverse environmental conditions (heat, cold, wind, rain, snow, sleet, dust, poisonous plants/insects, etc.). Research sites are dispersed over a large geographic area which requires extensive travel (50-80% of the time), camping, and multiday backpacking trips. In addition to data collection, crews are responsible for processing and editing field data as well as writing summaries of field visits.

A positive attitude, the capability to function on a team, the ability to adapt to changing priorities and a sense of adventure are keys to success with the FIA program. Field positions with this program are incredibly challenging yet rewarding.

*These positions will be filled through the SCA internship program and can be viewed by searching: "Forest Inventory" AND sorting by Title at <http://www.thesca.org/serve/positions>*

- Duration of work: 25 weeks, April 08 – September 29 (start date is not flexible)
- Application period: 12/15/17 – 01/19/18
- Weekly Stipend: \$260.00
- Monthly Living Allowance: Dependent upon location
- Locations: **applicants must apply to each location separately.**
  - WASHINGTON - Olympia, Cle Elum
  - OREGON – Portland, Grants Pass, La Grande
  - CALIFORNIA – Redding, Chico, Mammoth Lakes

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"Every aspect of data collection over the summer was valuable. Knowledge of species identification, tools, and protocol will help me excel as a professional in the field."  
– PNW FIA Intern, 2017

"I can't imagine that I would have gone to the place I went, did what I did, and pushed myself the way I was if I was not a part of the program"  
– PNW FIA Intern, 2014

"Overall this is an excellent program and I am glad to have been a part of it. I cherished every day I spent in the field alongside my crew. Fantastic people. All of them." - - PNW FIA Intern, 2015

"I gained so much knowledge about forest health, tree identification, diversity, forest fires, the impact we have on the forests... Knowledge that only hands on experience can get you." – PNW FIA Intern, 2016