



USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program

Position. Communications and Science Delivery Fellow

Duration. 1 Year Fellowship: Starting February 2023 (dates are dependent upon the start date)

Location. USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station. Position is **Fully Remote**, within the 20-state footprint of the Northern Research Station.



Northern Research Station Footprint

Reports To. The Communications and Science Delivery Fellow will report to Andrea Brandon, Science Delivery Specialist.

Job Overview

The Northern Research Station (NRS) is one of the seven Research Stations that are a part of the USDA Forest Service Research & Development (R&D). We work at the forefront of science to improve the health and use of our Nation's forests and grasslands. NRS pursues science solutions for a sustainable future.

The Communications and Science Delivery Fellow will support innovative communication strategies to internal and external audiences. This includes developing communication plans, communication and science delivery products, and creating educational and outreach materials.



Responsibilities and Duties

We seek a creative thinking with strong story-telling skills to join our team! Working closely with Communications and Science Delivery team, this position will focus on two primary initiatives:

- **Lead ‘Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’ (BIL) research projects communications.** This work includes coordinating with scientists and partner agencies. Working closely with the public affairs team, this position will create communication plans and tools to help inform and engage external (public, congressional, partners) audiences in the work that will be accomplished by these research projects. This position will help shape how the research will be communicated to land managers working with science delivery tools.
- **Support Internal Communications.** NRS has several platforms for internal communications, including SharePoint, Microsoft Teams Channels, and an internal Newsletter. We are seeking a candidate that can recommend and kickstart new, creative, and clever ways to communicate to internal staff. This may include developing an internal communications strategy, editing and writing content for internal communications mediums, and exploring new approaches.

Qualifications

The following skills are desired:

- Public Affairs, Communications, or Journalism major / minor preferred
- Strong writing skills
- Communication skills
- Creative thinking skills
- Experience with Microsoft Suite
- Environmental science, outdoors experience, or natural resource management knowledge desirable but not required.
- Positive and flexible attitude and willing to work as a team-player.

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 February 2023