GeoCorps America provides paid, short-term geoscience positions on America's most amazing public lands.

These jobs are hosted on federal lands managed by GeoCorps' three partner agencies: the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Agency staff submit to GSA position descriptions that help meet their geoscience needs. GSA advertises the positions online, recruits applicants from its 24,000+ members, and coordinates the placement of the candidates selected by agency staff.

The typical GeoCorps position lasts for three months, pays a stipend of $2,750, and provides either free housing or a housing allowance. Some GeoCorps positions are classified as "Guest Scientist" positions, which generally last longer, involve larger payments, and require a higher level of expertise. Most GeoCorps positions occur during the spring/summer, but an increasing number of positions are being offered during the fall/winter.

GeoCorps positions are open to geoscientists of all levels, from undergraduates through retired professionals. GeoCorps projects involve field and laboratory-based geoscience research, but some projects focus on developing educational programs and materials for staff, volunteers, and the public. The subject areas covered by GeoCorps projects include geology, hydrology, paleontology, mapping/GIS, soils, geo-hazards, cave/karst science, and more. GeoCorps positions have taken place at over 125 different locations nationwide, including Grand Canyon National Park, Sierra National Forest, and Craters of the Moon National Monument.

In 2011, GeoCorps began offering GeoCorps Diversity Internships and GeoCorps American Indian Internships. The introduction of these programs doubled the level of diversity among GeoCorps participants. This increase in diversity is helping GSA and its partner agencies in meeting the mutual goal of broadening participation in the field of geoscience.

Over the next few years, GeoCorps aims to further increase its diversity, add more partner groups (at the federal and/or state level), and continue to provide inspiring educational and professional development opportunities for geoscientists of all levels.

What GeoCorps participants are saying: "It was so far the best summer of my life. I would recommend the GeoCorps program to any geoscientist who wants an opportunity to be challenged by working in some of the most scenic and interesting parts of the country."
Jonathan Munnikhuis, GeoCorps Participant
NPS, Bryce Canyon National Park, Bryce, UT

What GeoCorps partners are saying: "The skill set available through GeoCorps is very helpful to our organization. We have been able to accomplish inventories and conditions surveys of transportation routes for planning and future management that would otherwise not be accomplished due to limited personnel."
BLM Staff Member, GeoCorps Site Supervisor

GeoCorps America is a program developed and managed by the Geological Society of America’s (GSA) Education & Outreach group in partnership with federal land management agencies.

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