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## Memorandum

To: Regional, Associate and Assistant Directors

From: Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science  
Acting Associate Director, Natural Resources Stewardship and Science

Subject: Reply Optional July 18, 2025: Bi-annual Call for Proposals for Scientists in Parks Program

The Natural Resource Stewardship and Science Directorate (NRSS) is now soliciting position proposals for the Scientists in Parks (SIP) Program.

*This call is for parks to propose positions with a start date between January - April 2026.*  
Proposals should be submitted by Friday, July 18, 2025. Full program details and instructions can be found at: <https://doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-scientistsinparks>.

The SIP Program provides a mechanism for NPS park units to hire non-federal interns to undertake projects that address natural resource management issues by adding extra capacity to ensure parks are open and accessible for the American public. SIP positions can vary in complexity, length, discipline, and skill set to meet the needs of NPS park units. We encourage parks to submit proposals to host a SIP position. This current call is for a condensed Winter Season (position start dates January-April 2026). A second call for the Summer Season (position start dates from May - September 2026) is planned to open September 2025 pending agreement approval. Positions starting in either season can have a duration of 12 to 52 weeks.

For additional information, please contact Kiersten Jarvis, Scientists in Parks Program Manager, at [Kiersten\\_Jarvis@nps.gov](mailto:Kiersten_Jarvis@nps.gov).

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