



Become a paid Astronomy Intern this summer with Rocky Mountain National Park! The two selected undergraduate interns will participate in nighttime astronomy programs at the Park during the Summer of 2024; dates and times are listed below. It is okay if you cannot make all the dates; please list any dates you cannot make in your application.

For each program, the interns will lead telescope viewings of the night sky for park visitors. They will also develop and give presentations about astronomical topics for the nighttime programs.

Applicants should enjoy interacting with diverse audiences including children, have good communication skills, be comfortable driving at night, and be comfortable working in dark conditions on uneven surfaces. Interns will receive Rocky Mountain National Park training on interpretive program development and techniques, as well as general park orientation. Interns will also wear the Park Volunteer jacket and hat.

This opportunity is open to current CU Boulder undergraduates who will graduate in Fall 2024 or later. The position pays \$16.85/hour, with an average of around 7 hours per week. The interns will drive themselves up to the Park for the astronomy programs, and they will have the option of free camping at the Park on the nights of the astronomy programs.

Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024

To apply, email Julie.Comerford@colorado.edu a single PDF containing:

- > A one-page letter describing why you'd be a good fit for the job; please be sure to include any experience you have working with telescopes and/or doing outreach related to the job description
- > A CV clearly listing your astronomy course work and any public speaking, education, and/or outreach experience that you have

Also arrange for two letters of recommendation to be emailed to Julie.Comerford@colorado.edu by the application deadline.

Dates for Summer 2024:

Orientation day, at Rocky Mountain National Park:

(Full day of orientation, plus evening telescope practice.)

Wednesday, June 5

Astronomy program dates, at Rocky Mountain National Park:

(Start time to be determined, likely around 8-8:30pm. Free camping at the Park available for each night.)

Friday, June 7

Tuesday, June 11

Tuesday, June 18

Friday, June 28

Friday, July 5

Tuesday, July 9

Friday, July 26

Friday, August 30

Astronomy Festival, at Rocky Mountain National Park:

(These will be full ~8 hour days, from the afternoon into the evening. Free camping is available at the Park for three nights: Thursday, Friday, Saturday.)

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

Rocky Mountain National Park is located 40 miles northwest of Boulder and consists of 415 square miles of high mountain scenery carved and sculpted by glaciers. Wildlife includes elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes, mountain lions, marmots, pikas, black bears, and a variety of birds. Trail Ridge Road provides access to the alpine tundra while connecting the east and west sides of the park. Over 90% of the park is designated Wilderness, with over 355 miles of trails available to explore. Rocky Mountain National Park sees over 4 million visitors each year. More information at www.nps.gov/romo or join us on social media sites @RockyNPS.