

Pacific Northwest Research Station

Get Valuable Work Experience Before Graduation

Want a jump on a challenging career that can make a difference?

Do you want to help solve natural resource problems
that affect people and the environment?

*Consider the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP)
or the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)*

The SCEP and STEP offer college students planned, progressive career-related employment. Most students will earn between \$7 and \$11 per hour.

PNW Research Station: Who Are We?

We are a research organization highly sought for scientific leadership and impartial knowledge.

Our mission is to generate and communicate scientific knowledge that helps people understand and make informed choices about people, natural resources, and the environment.

PNW Research Station facts:

- 10 laboratories located in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.
- 10 active experimental forests and 20 research natural areas.
- Part of the largest and most productive forestry research organization in the world.
- PNW is 1 of 6 research stations in the USDA Forest Service.
- Headquarters is in Portland, Oregon.



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Eligibility for SCEP and STEP

You must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- At least 16 years old and a student enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a certified or accredited institution.
- Taking at least half-time course work in high school, technical or vocational school, or a 2- or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school.
- Majoring in a course of study related to the position to be filled.
- In good standing with the college or university you are attending.



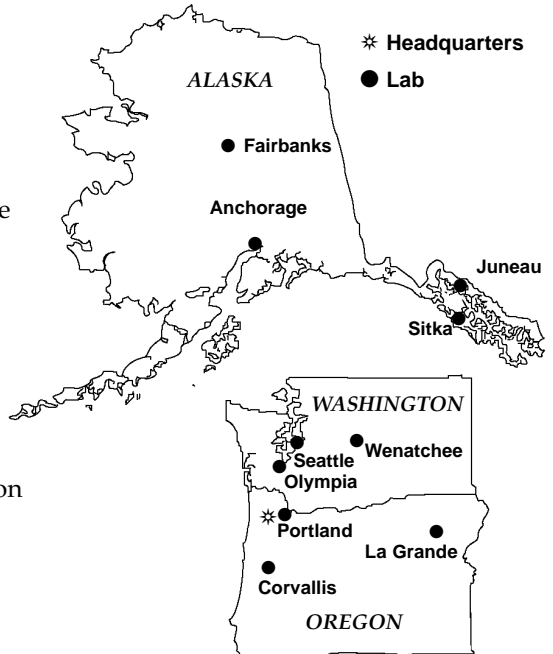
What Are the Differences Between SCEP and STEP?

SCEP

- Work experience must be related to academic major.
- Conversion to permanent employment is possible.
- Students in this program are eligible for retirement and insurance benefits.

STEP

- Work experience does not have to be related to your academic major.
- Workers are not eligible for permanent employment.
- Workers are not eligible for retirement and insurance benefits.
- Members of the program may be appointed to a SCEP position without applying for the job.
- Work experience may be credited toward the 640-hour work requirement for SCEP.





Laboratory and Research Locations

Joining the team at the PNW Research Station can put you to work in an exciting and fulfilling career at one of the locations shown on the map.

Research That Delivers

We offer science information that can help resource managers make choices about how people use natural resources.

What Kind of Research Do We Do?

Scientists at the PNW Research Station conduct research in many areas including:

- Forest management practices that minimize risks from disease, fire, and insect attack.
- Ecology of forests including riparian and aquatic areas.
- Recreation and tourism options for diverse populations.
- Global climate change and forest ecosystems.
- Inventories and analysis of forest resources and use.
- Wildlife populations and their habitats.
- Forest management and wood products.



A Career in Research

A career in Forest Service research is challenging, creative, and satisfying.



Scientists work together toward common goals, share ideas, and build upon each other's energy and commitment. Scientists also participate in cooperative research with many different universities.

Our laboratories are often based on or near campuses of major universities allowing our scientists to work in an academic environment. Some laboratories are located in small, rural communities.

Forest Service Culture

- **Training.** Many educational and training opportunities are available for developing skills to enhance career growth and promotion potential. Each employee has an individual development plan tailored to match his or her goals with those of the organization.
- **Progressive management philosophy.** The agency gives employees the skill and knowledge to do a job and then trusts them to do it.
- **Recognition.** An awards program is in place to recognize employees with cash or honorary award

for special acts and services or superior work performance.

How Would My Work Be Scheduled?

You, your school, and the Forest Service will agree on a schedule.

Typical schedules are:

- Part-time work during the school year.
- Full-time work during the summer.
- A combination of part- and full-time work.

Interested?

To learn more about the Station and its programs browse PNW Research Station on the Web at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw>

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