

**Graduate Research Assistantship, PhD
Park Management & Conservation
Kansas State University**

The Park Management & Conservation program at Kansas State University is pleased to announce an opening for a graduate research assistantship (GRA) Ph.D. starting spring semester 2018. The GRA, under the direction of Dr. Ryan Sharp, will be heavily involved in understanding both ecological and social impacts related to visitor use, primarily in U.S. National Parks, and how they relate to proposed and ongoing planning efforts. The selected student may have the opportunity to collaborate on projects in such locations at Theodore Roosevelt National Park (ND), Cumberland Island National Seashore (GA), Katmai National Park and Preserve (AK) and Grand Canyon National Park (AZ).

Experience in the following areas is desired:

- Visitor use management (related to natural resources, social impacts, planning, and community engagement)
- Working with/for land management agencies, either domestic or international
- Statistical applications (e.g. SPSS)
- GIS applications (e.g. ArcGIS)

GRAs are 12-month, 20-hour per week positions that include a competitive stipend, tuition, and health insurance benefits. Positions are renewable each year, up to 3 years based on satisfactory progress. Please visit <http://hnr.k-state.edu/graduate/> to learn more about the program and faculty.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Ryan Sharp (contact information below) prior to submitting their application materials. Applicants wishing to be considered for the assistantship should submit the following materials via email to Dr. Sharp by October 27, 2017:

- A cover letter articulating interest and skills pertaining to the above assistantship
- A current resume/CV
- Names and contact information for 3 academic or professional references

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