

Lake States Fire Science Consortium Intern Program

2014 Request for Proposals

The *Lake States Fire Science Consortium* (LSFSC) is committed to ensuring that the 'best available science' is available for planning and managing fire-dependent ecosystems of the Lake States. Where there are current gaps in the science, the goal of the LSFSC is to assist in filling those gaps so that science informs practice and vice-versa. Unfortunately, for many local fire management issues, there are few resources available to bring managers and scientists together to solve these important issues.

In an effort to enhance the opportunities for managers and scientists to work together, the LSFSC requests proposals to fund research internships that **address relevant fire science and management issues associated with fire-dependent ecosystems of the Lake States region**. Proposals must be developed by *joint manager-scientist teams* (i.e., both must be listed as co-PIs and equally contribute to proposal development) and outline how the research internship will address a critical need that will help improve management of fire-dependent ecosystems locally.

The LSFSC anticipates awarding up to four \$4,000 research internship awards. It is expected that funds will be used primarily as a stipend for the intern, which can be either a current undergraduate or graduate student. All proposals must be submitted by 5:00 pm EST on December 31, 2013 by email. There will be no exceptions to this closing date and time.

Proposals should be concise and no longer than four (4) pages in length. The proposal should: 1) clearly articulate the nature of the fire and/or fire management issue; 2) describe the significance of the issue locally and to the region; 3) outline a clear plan of action (including the specific research questions or objectives and methods); 4) describe how the intern will help advance this plan; 5) specifically outline deliverables and a time frame for each; and 6) provide a clear indication of the collaborative relationship and plans to continue the collaborative research into the future. It is anticipated that the projects will be no longer than three to six months and a final report to the LSFSC will be required upon completion of the project. Proposals that do not meet all requirements will not be considered for funding.

Each proposal will be reviewed and its merits judged in the context of specific goals, nature of the collaborative arrangement, and potential for the collaborative relationship to continue into the future.

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