

Traubert Lands Fellow

The National Park Foundation (NPF) has secured funding to establish the Traubert Lands Fellowship. This new initiative will provide an opportunity for a recent graduate with an advanced degree to support NPF's work with the National Park Service (NPS) to conserve lands unimpaired for future generations.

The Traubert Lands Fellowship is a highly selective, two-year position aimed at recent graduates with a Masters or similar advanced degree in natural resource conservation, historic preservation or related area. NPF seeks to recruit candidates from diverse backgrounds, including graduates with advanced degrees from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs).

The new position will be based in Washington, D.C. as part of NPF's Programs and Partnerships team. In addition, the position will include opportunities to work directly with NPS realty staff and non-profit conservation partners and attend training and networking conferences.

NPF's Lands Program works with the NPS's land acquisition team, land conservation organizations, non-profit Friends Groups, landowners and other partners to help NPS acquire lands from willing sellers, including inholdings, edgeholdings and "anchor" properties to create new park units. As determined by NPS, these land projects often feature important habitat for fish and wildlife, historic resources (e.g civil rights sites), and opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The goal of the fellowship program is to help prepare the Fellow for a career in land conservation, hopefully focused on the National Park Service. Additionally, this fellowship will have direct impact on the permanent conservation of high priority lands comprising a range of ecological, recreational, scenic, cultural and other values that complement existing National Park lands across the country. This will lead to better functioning ecosystems and landscapes, improved park management, increased recreational access and preservation of critical historical and cultural resources.

The Fellowship program will help permanently protect lands for the benefit of future generations, while providing key training and real-world experience to equip the Fellow with work experience to continue a conservation career and join the next generation of conservation leaders.

WORKING AT NPF

In 1872 America did something unprecedented; it set aside more than one million acres of wilderness for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. For more than 100 years, citizen involvement and private philanthropy have helped to improve, preserve and protect America's national parks. Since it was established by Congress in 1967, NPF has sustained this legacy of private philanthropy.

As the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation generates private support and builds strategic partnerships to protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations. We are a small organization with a big mandate. Learn more about us at www.nationalparks.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Support the Foundation's Lands Team, a subset of the Resource Management Team, through the following activities:

- Project review: Identify and recommend land acquisition projects for philanthropic support in partnership with NPF senior leadership, including real estate due diligence and site visits to National Park units.
- Grant making: Working with non-profit partners to review grant proposals and execute grant agreements for land acquisition projects.
- Alignment with NPS and park partners: Coordinate with NPS Land Resource Division, regional realty offices, and park superintendents and external partners to ensure alignment with agency priorities.
- Fundraising support: Work with NPF's Philanthropy Team to develop funding proposals to secure private gifts for land acquisition.
- Project Management: Help NPF's Resource Management Team manage projects where NPF elects to take title to property, such as donations of conservation and non-conservation real property, also known as "giftlands."
- Pre-acquisition and closing: Support pre-acquisition activities including appraisals, environmental and title review, and risk management measures, and closing and post-closing.
- Work directly with NPS' Land Resources Division and non-profit conservation partners on projects to gain a better understanding of the federal land acquisition process and
- Work directly with NPF field staff to participate in site visits, meetings with NPS and park partners.
- Participate in training and networking opportunities such as the Land Trust Alliance's Land Trust Rally and spring Friends Alliance meeting in Washington, D.C.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Master's degree in a relevant field is preferred. However, candidates near completion of a Master's degree program will be considered. Must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a relevant field of study with an interest in the field of historic preservation, natural resource conservation, real estate, leadership or management.
- Ability to commit to working at the National Park Foundation in Washington, D.C. for two years.
- Ability to work outside of Washington, D.C. for limited periods on assignment to NPF, NPS or park partners on projects.
- Willing and able to travel as required including travel to units of the National Park System and NPS managed units of the National Trails System.
- Passion for land conservation and the permanent protection of land for the use and enjoyment of future generations.
- General understanding of the resource values that NPS seeks to conserve including natural, cultural and historic resources.
- Strong oral and written communications skills: presenting information clearly and concisely and giving and receiving feedback.
- Exceptional attention to detail.
- Ability to work with word processing, spreadsheet and internet software, e-mail, database software and social media.
- Must have a valid driver's license, and clean driving record.

ABOUT DR. BRYAN S. TRAUBERT

Dr. Traubert practiced ophthalmology in Chicago for over 30 years. He received his BS from The Citadel and his MD degree from the University of Illinois. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, and a fellowship in clinical medical ethics at the University of Chicago. He spent 2016 as a Fellow at The Distinguished Careers Institute at Stanford.

He is Chairman of the Pritzker Traubert Foundation (PTF), which is dedicated to equalizing opportunity in Chicago. In 2007 Dr. Traubert founded Chicago Run, an innovative running and fitness program. Chicago Run serves more than 16,000 K-8 students in 46 Chicago Public Schools in 33 communities. His other health related efforts include being a former board member of the Harvard School of Public Health, Partnership for a Healthier America, Wendy Will Case Cancer Fund, Children's Memorial Hospital and Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind.

Dr. Traubert serves on the Board of WBEZ/Chicago Public Media (Vice Chairman) and Noble Street Charter Schools. He is the past chairman of Marwen and former board member of National Public Radio, Citadel Foundation, Facing History and Ourselves and The Renaissance Society. Dr. Traubert was appointed in 2010, and served through 2015, as President of the Chicago Park District Board. He founded Take the Field, a public private partnership which built 12 state of the art artificial turf fields in underserved communities in Chicago, and he founded and serves on the board of the Chicago Parks Foundation. Dr. Traubert is currently serving as a Trustee of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. From 2009 – 2013, he served on the White House Fellows Commission.

Dr. Traubert served on the NPF Board from 2010 to 2019, including serving as the Board Chair from 2017-2019. During his tenure on the Board, NPF significantly expanded its capacity to support the National Park Service's land acquisition goals. In the last four years, NPF has helped NPS acquire high-value parcels of land such as Antelope Flats in Grand Teton National Park and the Birth and Life Homes of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta.

COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

This is a two-year, full-time paid fellowship starting in the fall of 2019 or a mutually agreed upon date. Along with competitive pay, NPF will offer medical and dental coverage as well as a transit subsidy throughout the fellowship.

TO APPLY

If you know you are the perfect candidate for this position, we want to hear from you. Please submit your application through the National Park Foundation ADP portal found [here](#).

National Park Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.