

## **State of the Rockies Student Artist/Documentarian-in-Residence**

**All majors welcome. \$13.65 an hour.**

### **Project Description and Job Duties:**

#### **The artistic nature of forest re-establishment: twenty years after the Waldo Canyon Fire**

We recognize the importance of sharing research findings through academic and creative outlets to help us gain new perspectives, to increase the diversity of our participants, and the size of our audience. With this in mind the **State of the Rockies** has created the **Student Artist-in-Residence internship** as part of the [Waldo Canyon Post-burn project](#) – an opportunity for CC students to apply their storytelling skills to powerfully deliver an important message for Rocky Mountain Westerners: Whether or not you believe it, climate change is changing the way we live our lives now and will in the future. The question is: “What to do about it?” How and should we manage living in increasingly fire-prone ecosystems?

**State of the Rockies** is HIRING a student to follow a student research team into Waldo Canyon field sites to document scenes of forest regeneration and riparian regeneration twenty years following the fire.

### **What to expect:**

Use your story-telling skills to create an artistic interpretation of forest re-establishment after fire and produce a visual documentation of the Waldo Canyon student-led research project.

With guidance from the research director and art department, the student will be given artistic freedom to choose the subject(s) of their art *report* as well as the form of media to share their research observations, (e.g., photography; oil on canvas paintings; film; or other form of visualization). To help provide context and scope for the student artist-on-residence, the student will contemplate these questions the Waldo Canyon research team hopes to answer:

What differences can we see among different burn sites in Waldo Canyon? Which sites seem more favorable to Ponderosa pine recovery? Why? Which sites offer favorable butterfly habitat? Why? What predictions and recommendations can we make about the future of these forests based on this study? Students will address these questions using preliminary findings from summer 2023 research. Preliminary research results will be used for further investigation during year two of the project.

We hope to exhibit the work at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum spring-summer 2024 and share the body of work with our greater community (primary school presentations, library exhibits and talks, etc.).

**This position begins Block 6 2023 and ends Spring 2024.**

**How to apply:**

Please visit Handshake during Block 4 W3 to apply to this position.

**Deadline to apply FEBRUARY 1, 2023 11:59 PM**

**Required application materials:**

resume; cover letter; relevant coursework; portfolio: 3 examples in jpeg format (studio arts; photography; drawing; painting; printmaking; graphic design)

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Adventurous spirit
- Imaginative and energetic with 'can do' outlook
- Art, design background
- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Interest in finding balance between human activity and the impact of human activity on the environment

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**Learning Competencies:**

- Work Ethic
- Time Management
- Work Quality
- Initiative
- Technical Knowledge
- Problem-Solving
- Analysis
- Ethical Behavior
- Appreciation of Diversity
- Communication Skills
- Teamwork

## **TIMELINE**

### Spring 2023

Begin research: natural history and ecology of Colorado Rocky Mountain montane forests and butterflies.

Field reconnaissance: Aiken and Waldo Canyons, Rocky Mountain National Park, Rocky Mountain Biological Lab, Gothic, Colorado

Visit CSU Natural History Museum: butterfly research

### Summer 2023

Accompany Waldo Canyon research team into the field.

Develop ideas for subject(s) and artistic mode of delivery

Create and produce the story of Waldo Canyon

This is a 10-week summer internship. Start date: June 5-Aug 10, 2023 (appx dates).  
10-week summer intern \* 37 hours per week

### Fall 2023

Complete and present project at SCoRE Fall 2023

9 weeks Blocks 6-8 (5-10) hours per week

### Spring 2024

Collaborate with Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum and Tutt Library to exhibit work.

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