

Senior Vice President, Partnerships

The National Park Foundation (NPF) is seeking to hire a **Senior Vice President for Partnerships**. As a member of the organization's leadership team, the Senior Vice President has the primary responsibility of leading the Foundation's strategy for building and engaging a national network of non-profit partners and to increase the capacity and effectiveness of the partner community, both individually and collectively – all in service of positively impacting our national parks.

WORKING AT NPF

The National Park Foundation works in partnership with the National Park Service to enrich America's national parks through private support, safeguarding our heritage and inspiring generations of national park enthusiasts. Chartered by Congress in 1967, the National Park Foundation is founded on a legacy that began more than a century ago, when private citizens from all walks of life took action to establish and protect our national parks.

Today, the National Park Foundation carries on that tradition as the only *national* charitable nonprofit whose mission is to directly support America's 409 national park units through three distinct focus areas: protecting America's national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts; connecting all Americans with these special places and our nation's vibrant culture and rich history, and inspiring lifelong engagement of the next generation of park stewards.

This year, the National Park Service will celebrate a significant milestone—its 100th anniversary. It will be a moment to celebrate and reflect – but most importantly an opportunity to re-introduce and reengage the American people to their national parks. In anticipation of the Centennial Celebration, the National Park Foundation, in close partnership with the National Park Service, will be launching a multiyear major campaign to help identify, secure, and fund education, outreach, and environmental programs in parks at the historic sites and monuments.

You will be joining this growing organization at an exciting, pivotal, moment in the 48 year history of the National Park Foundation and the 100 year history of the National Park Service.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/DUTIES/TASKS:

- Lead the creation and execution of a strategic plan for partnerships at NPF.
- Oversee the development of a national, non-profit, mission-based network to build stronger collaboration and trust among partner organizations that support and enhance our national parks – including investments in park resources or in engaging and educating visitors.
- Establish norms at NPF for cross-organizational collaboration to support programmatic, grant-making, marketing, communications and fundraising partnerships with non-profit partners at the local, regional and national level.
- Serve as the key liaison to national park Friends Groups, Cooperating Associations, and other nonprofit park partners that support parks across the system – including work related to historic preservation, land conservation, environmental education, youth engagement, outdoor recreation, urban and diverse community engagement, and other relevant fields.
- Lead NPF's work with the National Park Friends Alliance and other park partner networks/entities.
- Develop tools and programs that aim to increase the effectiveness and impact of nonprofit

- organizations that support national parks.
- Serve as the key liaison to the NPS Partnerships and Civic Engagement Office.
- Lead the partnership component of the Grants and Partnerships Committee of the NPF Board of Directors.
- Identify and execute innovative and sustainable ways to raise funds to support and grow NPF Partnership programs.
- Manage the staff of the Partnerships Department, including the current Director and any additional staff as the team expands.
- Manage the Partnerships Departmental budget.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Demonstrated ability in working with nonprofit organizations and urban and diverse communities in building partnerships across a complex system.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate, and create trust-based relationships with relevant stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to create durable networks. Demonstrated ability to build capacity of nonprofit organizations.
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure, to meet tight deadlines within the budgetary constraints, and to handle multiple projects simultaneously and autonomously.
- Superb written, verbal and interpersonal skills are essential, as has an ability to think creatively and to generate new ideas.
- Must be an independent and strategic thinker and a strong team player.
- Must be fully sufficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

PREFERRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Experience working with national parks, National Park Service, or non-profit partners.
- Experience in working in an entrepreneurial environment, and demonstrated experience in growing a sustainable program at a national nonprofit or federal agency.
- Experience in providing services to institutions, specifically training, consulting, or other customer services.
- Graduate degree in relevant field.
- Experience working with a board of directors.
- 15+ years of experience, including at least 10 managing people.
- Strong communication and presentation skills.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

The National Park Foundation offers a competitive salary and benefits program. Compensation for this opportunity will be commensurate with the level of responsibility of the job and experience of the candidate. You will also have access to an onsite fitness facility, exciting downtown community and a variety of metro stations.

HOW TO APPLY

Principal candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to resumes@nationalparks.org referencing “SVP Partnerships” in the subject line of the email. To learn more about the National Park Foundation, please visit www.nationalparks.org.

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