Introduction

ABOUT
Art and science were major forces in the successful efforts to create the world’s first national park, Yellowstone. Thomas Moran’s paintings and drawings and William Henry Jackson’s photographs, combined with the scientific report of geologist Ferdinand Hayden, helped convince Congress in 1872 that this place was uniquely beautiful and valuable. While the geology first attracted scientists to Yellowstone, modern research today ranges across multiple fields including microbial species, flora, archeology, zoology, and effects of recreation.

Bob and Connie Landis have carried on that legacy of artistic and scientific excellence in the Yellowstone community through the creation of award-winning art focused on scientific study. The Landis gift to Yellowstone Forever seeks to leave a legacy in Yellowstone to carry on the work that has connected so many people to this magical place. The Landis gift will provide artists and scientists an unparalleled opportunity to live and work in Yellowstone country. The Landis gift will provide quality housing for them as well as an endowed program to take part in.

ELIGIBILITY
• At least 21 years old
• International applicants must be eligible to work in the US and have the ability to provide work documents (i.e. SSN).
• Pass a background check (once selected)
• Scientists who are actively working on scientific projects focused on Yellowstone National Park. This can include scientists working on independent research projects that are permitted through the Yellowstone Center for Resources or scientists who are participating in research projects being led by Yellowstone National Park staff or Yellowstone Forever staff, including the Citizen Science program.
Selections and Term:

- Each residency will be from 1 month to 6 months in length (year-round).
- A board of national park employees and Yellowstone Forever staff will review and make the final decision.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK’S PRIMARY INTERPRETIVE THEMES:

- Geology
  Yellowstone lies on a restless part of the earth. Physical evidence of the park’s geologic history spans at least 2.7 billion years, and geologic forces continue to shape the land and the patterns of life on the landscape today.

- Geothermal Features
  Yellowstone has more active geothermal features (geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and fumaroles) than the rest of the world combined; they are a product of underlying geologic activity, and their heated waters are habitat for diverse thermophilic life forms that we are only beginning to understand.

- Natural Resource Preservation
  The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem preserves a world-renowned biological reserve that includes relatively intact wildlife communities and rare and endangered species.

- Wildlife
  Yellowstone is home to abundant, diverse, and free-ranging wildlife in a largely undisturbed setting. Their survival depends on sufficient and healthy habitats, the preservation of biological diversity, and minimal human interference and impact. Yellowstone’s wildlife provides outstanding opportunities to experience and appreciate the diversity of life.

- Ecosystem
  The greater Yellowstone area is one of the largest and most intact temperate ecosystems in North America. It supports an exceptional concentration and diversity of terrestrial and aquatic life.

- Human Culture and History
  Yellowstone preserves resources associated with more than 11,000 years of human history, which provide insights into a variety of cultures, values, and perceptions, including those of Native Americans, trappers, explorers, miners, Army personnel, National Park Service and private sector concession staffs, neighboring communities, and, for more than 140 years, park visitors.

- First National Park
  Yellowstone is the world’s first national park, and it continues to be a model for the preservation and enjoyment of park resources.

- Wildness
  Yellowstone is an extraordinary place in which to experience wildness.

- Laboratory
  Yellowstone’s diverse resources, ecological processes, and cultural history provide important opportunities for research and education.

- Climate Change & Sustainability
  As Yellowstone’s climate changes, habitats are already changing, affecting continued survival of native species. Engaging in sustainable practices decreases human contributions to climate change.

- Management
  Effective park management requires the protection of resources, promotion of sustainable public use, involvement by and cooperation among interested individuals and groups, and the support of the American people for their National Park System.
What to expect during a residency in Gardiner

FACILITY
The Gardiner-based Yellowstone Forever Art and Science Residence is a duplex home located on a residential street in Gardiner, Montana, at the North entrance to Yellowstone National Park.
The residence will house up to two artists and two scientists simultaneously. The artists will reside on one level of the duplex and share laundry and work space with the scientists. Each level has two bedrooms. The resident will have their own bedroom but share the rest of the space with another scientist. The facility can accommodate a limited number of family members for an additional fee. If interested in bringing your family, please indicate this in your application form. The housing space is fully furnished and includes bedding for three beds and a kitchen stocked with appliances and utensils.
The Heritage and Research Center is also located in Gardiner and houses Yellowstone’s museum collection, archives, herbarium, research library, and archeology lab. The collection is one of the largest in the national park system with several million items. More information can be found at their website: https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/historyculture/collections.htm
The scientist will also have access to the Yellowstone Forever Institute’s Library.

COLLABORATION
Please have one person listed as the main applicant. Each member must supply an individual resume as part of the application.

TRAVEL
Entry fees into the park will be covered by Yellowstone Forever. Artists are responsible for finding their own transportation to Gardiner, Montana. Yellowstone National Park is 2.2 million acres with 466 miles of road, and a vehicle is necessary to fully experience all the park has to offer. Travel expenses will not be reimbursed.

COMMUNICATION/internet
Gardiner has cell phone service and Wi-Fi is also provided to the artist. Cell service is limited when traveling in the interior of the park.

FOOD
Residents are required to provide all their own food and meals. The residence has a complete kitchen stocked with basic cooking essentials. Gardiner has a grocery store and several restaurants.

MATERIALS
Yellowstone Forever provides a work space in the Landis Residence with basic supplies, hardware, and furniture. The resident must provide all their own materials for their personal projects.

WEATHER
Throughout the summer months the weather in Yellowstone can range from 90°F during the day to 30°F at night. Winters in Yellowstone can be brutal with highs at 32°F and dropping below -20°F. The resident should be prepared to handle a variety of weather events and should check the forecast before arrival.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS
We may ask Gardiner–based residents to prepare a 1-hour presentation to be given at the Yellowstone Forever office building in Gardiner.

PETS
Pets are not allowed in the residence due to allergies and the limited access for pets to be in the park. Service animals are allowed; please disclose this information in your application.

SMOKING
Smoking is not allowed in the residence or the grounds of the building.

NON-COMPETE AGREEMENT
Residents will be required to sign a Non-Compete contract valid during the entirety of their stay in the Landis Residence. Residents may not work for other competing companies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem while residing in the YF space. All volunteer work must be cleared with the Vice President of Human Resources before residents can engage in said activity. Residents who break this contract will forfeit their residency and be required to move out immediately.

FEES
The application process is free. Selected residents will be provided with housing in a fully furnished home overlooking the Yellowstone River for a modest lease rate of $100/week. A partner or spouse is allowed to accompany them. If a scientist wishes to have the entire level to themselves, the fee is $200 weekly for both bedrooms and the scientist is allowed two additional family members. Residents must submit a $200 cleaning deposit.
**2020-21 Application Requirements**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE AND LINK**
All applications must be submitted through the following link: Yellowstone.org/experience/art-and-science-residency-programs/
Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Questions can be directed to jknirsch@yellowstone.org.

**WORK SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS**
All work submitted should relate to the nature of the work the resident plans to produce during their residency.

- Scientist: 3-5 published papers or 15 pages of research. Provide in a Word doc, URL, or PDF.
- Undergraduate/Graduate Student: 1-3 published papers and/or a description of your past and current work. Limit 500 words.

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**
Describe your scientific research (discipline/medium/activity) and how spending time in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem will benefit your work. Some collecting of biological and geological materials is permitted through a permitting process. Please describe what you might collect and what you anticipate you may need: Limit 500 words.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH PROPOSAL**
The resident will submit a proposal on their public presentation. Limit 300 words.

**BIOGRAPHY**
A short biography. Limit 300 words.

**RESUME**
Include experience, publications, awards. Limit 4 pages.

**PREFERRED DATES**
Rank the top 3 time periods you will be available up to 1 year from your application submission. Check-in is typically on a Tuesday and check-out on a Thursday. Note if you are flexible.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**
- Complete online application. Please read over all information above before applying.
- Submit work samples
- Statement of Intent
- Proposed Public Outreach
- Biography
- Resume
- List of Preferred Dates

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Yellowstone Forever’s Landis Scientist-in-Residence Program

_Founded in 1976 by scientists and conservationists, Yellowstone Forever is committed to the preservation and enhancement of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem through education, research, and conservation._

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