

**Gary E. Everhardt Park Break Program**  
**Qualitative Viewshed Assessment**  
**Blue Ridge Parkway**  
**Asheville, NC**  
**Dates: May 3-10, 2026**

**Application**

**The opportunity:** The Institute for Parks at Clemson University, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, and the Univ. of Tenn. announce an exciting opportunity for graduate students at the **Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP)**. The Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP) showcases scenic mountain views along its 469-mile length and is the gateway to many unique cultural attractions. To maintain and reduce the possibility of development negatively impacting the quality and beauty of these viewsheds, organizations including the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, through initiatives such as Blue Ridge Rising, have partnered with the National Park Service, local communities, and other community organizations to establish a baseline assessment for all the viewsheds at major overlooks. The Park Break program will undertake this effort by conducting baseline qualitative assessments for each viewpoint between milepost 202 and milepost 317.5.

**Application Deadline is March 15, 2026. Send Completed Application to Bob Powell at [rbp@clemson.edu](mailto:rbp@clemson.edu)**

**First Name:**

**Last Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Address (Street, City, State, Zip/Post code):**

**Country of Residence (if outside USA):**

**Primary Telephone Number:**

**Emergency Contact (name and phone number):**

**Education:** (List your educational degrees and current educational status; Note: applications are only accepted from currently enrolled MA/MS and PhD candidates).

**Name of Department and University/College where currently enrolled:**

**Name of major advisor and email address:**

**Title and topic of thesis/dissertation:**

**Gender identity (optional):**

**Racial identity (optional):**

**Applicants Statement (300 words or less):** Please describe your personal and educational background and discuss how this opportunity will help you to attain your career/professional goals.

**How did you find out about the Gary E. Everhardt Park Break Program?**

Partners:



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