

# 2017 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## PARKS & RECREATION-007

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### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation manages 14 percent of the land in New York City. These assets range from playgrounds and large parks, to tranquil wooded areas and more than 14 miles of beaches. Parks serve as New Yorkers' backyards, as vital meeting areas for outdoor play and recreation – but also as critical engines for economic growth and development.

NYC Parks' mission is to plan resilient and sustainable parks, public spaces, and recreational amenities, build a park system for present and future generations, and care for parks and public spaces to benefit New Yorkers across the five boroughs.

Through an effort to improve the quality, accessibility, efficiency and sustainability of our city parks by increasing investment in underserved neighborhoods and expanding parkland: NYC Parks' **Community Parks Initiative**, at the center of the Mayor's plan, is completely redesigning and reconstructing dozens of parks in neighborhoods across the city with the greatest needs—35 of which are nearing the construction phase.

NYC Parks is also leading in innovative park design with **Parks Without Borders**, a new design approach that focuses on improving park entrances, edges, and spaces adjacent to parks. By extending parks into communities, Parks Without Borders will improve New Yorkers' access to quality parks.

Ongoing work to care for our parks has:

- Reconnected the City's two most northern boroughs, Manhattan and The Bronx, when NYC Parks' historic High Bridge was reopened.
- Re-energized Flushing Meadow Corona Park in Queens, one of New York's largest parks, drawing visitors from around the globe.
- Reinforced our commitment to growing greenspaces by meeting our goal to plant 1,000,000 trees.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of New York City's nearly 30,000 acres. Parks is the City's leading programmer of cultural, athletic and social activities, including nature walks, concerts, learn-to-swim classes, sports clinics, historic house tours, and much more. Each year Parks hosts annual events such as WinterJam, Adventures NYC, and the Fall Field Day. In addition, Parks produces many special events, concerts and movie premieres, as well as providing free rental equipment for skating, baseball, and miniature golf.

The Parks Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor to oversee and direct the work of the agency. The Commissioner appoints Deputy Commissioners, Borough Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners who are responsible for managing the agency's divisions. These senior officials supervise the work of thousands of Parks employees. They work with elected officials to complete capital improvements for parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers. They work with the private sector to sponsor free public events. They get the community involved in Parks through volunteer initiatives and educational and athletic programming in recreation and nature centers. They prepare Parks' budget and monitor the work of Parks' ice-skating rinks, golf courses and other concessions.

### UNIT DESCRIPTION

The Citywide Monuments Conservation Program and New York City Parks & Recreation, Art & Antiquities Department, seek qualified candidates for the 2017 summer field season. These are 40 hour a week paid positions, Monday through Friday beginning in Thursday June 1st through Friday August 11th, 2017 with the possibility of an extension.

Citywide Monuments Conservation Program conserves and maintains public works of art throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Program participants will gain knowledge of the breadth of the public sculpture collection, its history and conservation needs. This is an excellent opportunity to learn outdoor sculpture conservation with experienced conservators in an award-winning program in New York City. The season will include trips to related institutions and businesses such as a bronze foundry, stone quarry, and practicing conservators and artists' studios. More than 100 apprentices have successfully participated during the last 20 years.

### POSITION TITLE

MONUMENTS CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

### INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The interns will carry out conservation and maintenance treatments on public sculptures and monuments under the direction of experienced monuments conservators. Participants will receive training in photo-documentation, condition assessments, material analysis, and report preparation.

In addition, interns will learn and perform conservation treatments including repairing, cleaning, and coating metals; bronze patination; masonry repair; mortar analysis, replication, and repointing; and tool and materials training.

### **QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY**

Students currently enrolled in graduate programs and recent graduates in objects conservation, historic preservation, or fine art are strongly encouraged to apply. **Candidates must be able to work outdoors, be comfortable in handling power tools and equipment, and not fear heights, as projects often require work on scaffolding or in a lift.**

**These positions are only open to US citizens.**

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please email cover letter and resume to [Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov)

### **SALARY RANGE**

Unpaid