

2017 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-034

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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, the Mayor's office has funded a number of equity initiatives including:

Community Parks Initiative

NYC Parks' Community Parks Initiative, at the center of the Mayor's plan, is completely redesigning and reconstructing nearly 60 parks in neighborhoods across the city with the greatest needs—35 of which are in construction.

Parks Without Borders

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 public realm.

Anchor Parks

Under Anchor Parks, the city selected eight parks that have historically received underinvestment, high surrounding population, and potential for park development. The Anchor Parks program is part of NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver's Framework for an Equitable Future, a commitment to create thriving public spaces for all New Yorkers.

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 NYC 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 Office of Health and Safety oversees the agency's compliance with standards related to employee safety and health. The unit serves as a resource to employees with questions and complaints, works with other City and State agencies to correct deficiencies that are subject to fines and violations, and provides training for employees related to safety, purchases and distributes personal, protective equipment.

POSITION TITLE

Health and Safety Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Assist in diversifying the divisions offering of safety training materials to better fit specific titles and job functions at Parks
Create a safety program specific to trades titles
Assist in mapping and labeling confined spaces

Participate in a team effort to inspect all of our outdoor pools prior to opening to check for hazards and violations; schedule and participate in hazard assessments of several Parks work areas

Intern will work alongside current H & S staff to field questions and complaints, research them and provide responses; interact with union personnel and staff from other agencies (Department of Buildings, FDNY, Department of Labor etc); accompany current H & S staff on inspections of Parks facilities throughout the five boroughs; help to prepare reports on the divisions work

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated students who are interested in learning about issues related to Labor Relations and Site Safety and who enjoy working with a diverse mix of people. Assignment is a mix of office work and time in the field.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work location is Fort Totten in Bayside, Queens which is accessible by bus.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please email cover letter and resume to Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov

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