

# 2017 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## PARKS & RECREATION-036

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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 Citywide Nursery is part of NYC Parks' division of Forestry, Horticulture and Natural Resource. The Citywide Nursery is an organic nursery located in Van Cortlandt Park. The nursery propagates, grows and maintains tens of thousands of plants, mostly perennials and shrubs. The plants are distributed and planted in various parks throughout the five boroughs.

### POSITION TITLE

Citywide Nursery Intern

### INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Interns will aid in the propagation, production and maintenance of plants at Citywide Nursery. Interns will also assist with horticulture data collection and management. Interns will gain horticultural knowledge and experience.

Tasks include: propagation of plants through seeds, cuttings and division, transplanting, weeding and taking inventory

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

Interns should have a willingness to learn and work hard. Willing to work outdoors in activities including lifting, bending, planting and weeding. Previous experience is not necessary, however, an interest in gardening is helpful.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Citywide Nursery is located inside Van Cortlandt Park East in the Bronx, NY

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

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

## **SALARY RANGE**

Unpaid