

2017 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-056

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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

Computer Resource Centers (CRC) provide internet and information access, state of the art technology tools, and digital learning opportunities in 32 DPR recreation centers city-wide to New York City residents. CRC workshops and training sessions are free to recreation center members of all ages and abilities and range from basic typing to video production and game design. Our teen programming, RecYouth, provides teens with multimedia project based skill-building and STEM enrichment. <http://www.nycgovparks.org/crc>.

POSITION TITLE

CRC Press Corps Photo-Journalism Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support our RecYouth Press-Corps initiative teaching journalism and press-coverage to a group of 6-8 teens aged 14-17 as part of our summer RecYouth program (teen digital media education program). <http://www.nycgovparks.org/crc/recyouth>
- Plan summer event coverage of citywide Parks' events at specific NYC locations.

- Lead excursions with youth teams to generate content.
- Develop short spots and/or blogs about events in New York City parks, to include concerts, outdoor adventures, sports, and visual arts events.
- Teach the foundations of journalism and photo-journalism and expose youth to possible career opportunities in the field.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

- Junior or senior in college, majoring in journalism and/or photo journalism.
- Experience with DSLR cameras in the context of photo-journalism and understanding of photography ethics.
- Photo editing and authoring using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, In-design.
- Ability to communicate ideas visually and creatively to a broad audience.
- Desire and ability to collaborate with other staff and interns.
- Proficiency in the use of the following software preferred: Adobe CS3/4/5/CC (Photoshop, In-design, Illustrator), Web/Blog design, Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Google Docs.
- Familiarity with social media journalism
- Ability and willingness to travel to sites throughout NY City.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

3 positions available. 10-20 hours/week.

This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge of community driven journalism and build a portfolio in the process.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid