

2018 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-043

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

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 67 parks in neighborhoods across the city with the greatest needs—with a number from the original 30 opening in 2018, more than half 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 parks. 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, Street Games, 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

NATURAL RESOURCES GROUP (NRG) is a division within NYC Parks & Recreation (Parks) and is responsible for acquisition, protection, restoration, and management of remnant and restored natural areas within the nearly 29,000 acres of City parkland. NRG develops natural area management and restoration programs and provides technical research that aids in the protection of the City's natural resources. The Wetlands Team within NRG, which focuses on the assessment, management and restoration of wetlands and riparian resources, has a position available for a qualified intern.

POSITION TITLE

Bronx River Aquatic Wildlife Monitoring Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bronx River Aquatic Wildlife Monitoring Intern will work closely with the Project Manager and other staff at NRG to monitor fish, eel and oyster populations in the Bronx River, in Bronx, NY. Largely field-oriented with one day per week in the office, the intern's responsibilities will include:

- Working with staff and volunteers to conduct aquatic wildlife monitoring of river herring, eel and oyster populations;
- Independently collecting environmental and water quality data;

- Monitoring and restoring diadromous fish populations on the Bronx River by maintaining, cleaning and documenting use of two fishways in River Park, Bronx;
- Entering monitoring data and uploading photo and video data into office database;
- Assisting with quality control of all data and databases;
- Reviewing video camera footage from fishway and recording fish use;
- Assisting with data analysis and reporting, and;
- Working with staff to train and educate volunteers and students in aquatic wildlife monitoring activities.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

- Undergraduate to graduate student with a background or strong interest in aquatic wildlife and ecology
- Experience with field data collection
- Knowledge of aquatic fish and macroinvertebrate species
- Familiarity with population monitoring techniques
- Ability to independently work in and travel to the Bronx
- Excellent analytic, organizational, and writing skills
- Ability to work in challenging outdoor environments and weather conditions

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expected length of internship: April – September (flexibility to accommodate school schedules)

Hours: 20 hours/week; flexible schedule

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid