

2017 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PARKS & RECREATION-035

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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 Design Administration team at NYC Parks oversees the design of all capital projects across the five boroughs. We provide support for landscape architects and designers as they create new parks and amenities like playgrounds, plazas, ball fields, natural areas, recreation centers, piers, street elements, and much more - this includes oversight at all stages of design, guidance through multiple review processes, and the creation and maintenance of important visual resources.

POSITION TITLE

Design Administration Team Photography Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As Photography Intern for Design, you'll be tasked with supporting the Design Admin team by providing high quality images of Parks properties and standard elements. The work that our team does often requires photographs to clearly convey ideas and instructions, illustrate points, and make

beautiful, compelling presentations. You'll sharpen your skills as a photographer, become familiar with Parks' many diverse properties, discover parts of New York City you may have never heard about, and build a strong portfolio of work.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

A successful candidate will have experience in digital photography, including creating, organizing, and sharing high-quality digital images. They will be able to create their own schedules and work with limited supervision, and should be comfortable navigating New York City, whether via public transit or private vehicle. Experience with Landscape Architecture and/or Urban Design is strongly preferred.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please send (1) your resume, (2) a short cover letter explaining why you'd like to work with NYC Parks Design and why you think you'd be a good fit, and (3) a work sample, which can be a link to a website/online portfolio, or attached JPEGs not to exceed 10mg. Materials can be emailed to the contact person below. Candidate should be able to provide their own photography equipment. Feel free to reach out to the contact person with any questions/concerns.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

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