

# 2016 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## AGENCY NAME

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

## DIVISION

Prospect Park Natural Resources Group

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## AGENCY DESCRIPTION (Max characters 3000)

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 miles of beaches. Parks serve as New Yorkers' backyards, as 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 by increasing investment in underserved neighborhoods and expanding parkland: NYC Parks' **Community Parks Initiative**, at the center of the Mayor's plan, is completely redesigning and reconstructing parks in neighborhoods across the city with the greatest needs --35 of which are nearing the construction phase.

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 New Yorkers' access to quality parks.

Ongoing work to care for our parks has:

- Reconnected the City's two most northern boroughs, Manhattan and The Bronx, when NYC Parks' historic High Bridge was reopened.
- Re-energized Flushing Meadow Corona Park in Queens, one of New York's largest parks, drawing visitors from around the globe.
- Reinforced our commitment to growing greenspaces by meeting our goal to plant 1,000,000 trees.

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.

The 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 skating rinks, golf courses and other concessions.

## UNIT DESCRIPTION (Max characters 1000 )

The Natural Resources Crew of Prospect Park manages 250 acres of woodlands and 62 acres of water bodies located within historic Prospect Park.

## POSITION TITLE (Max characters 100)

Prospect Park Natural Resources Intern

## INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (Max characters 1500 )

Interns will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of projects including woodland restoration, lake/pond maintenance and restoration, and vegetation monitoring. Work in woodland restoration will include removal of invasive vegetation, erosion control, trail maintenance, and garbage removal in wooded areas. Work in lake/pond restoration may include removal of aquatic invasive vegetation, removal of garbage in

shoreline areas, and maintenance of monitoring and aquatic equipment. Work in monitoring will include data collection for an ongoing terrestrial woodland project. Interns will be able to learn techniques for all of the above tasks, native and exotic plant identification, and all about the details of operating a wild urban park.

**QUALIFICATIONS/SPECIAL SKILLS/AREA OF STUDY (Max characters 1500 )**

Successful candidates should have an interest in ecology and/or botany, an aptitude for fieldwork, enjoy learning new concepts, and should be prepared for physical work. Candidates should also have good social skills to be able to interact with both the public and other team members successfully. Educational experience in a related field is a plus.

**APPLICATION PROCESS (Max characters 700 )**

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

**SALARY RANGE**

Unpaid

Internship may be used to fulfill college credit requirement

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS (Max characters 700 )**

This is a field position and requires working outdoors in all weather. Proper clothing and footwear are required.

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