2018 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

AGENCY NAME
NYC PARKS & RECREATION

DIVISION
Media Education

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION (Max characters 3000)

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 (Max characters 1000)

Media Education provides high quality digital resources and creative learning opportunities for all, state of the art technology tools, and digital learning opportunities in 32 recreation centers city-wide. Our 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 RecYouth Teen Digital Media program, provides teens with multimedia project based learning and credit-bearing internships. Our adult program offers certification in Adobe CC and MS Office. Our
afterschool programs, for youth ages 6-14 throughout the city, focus on project-based learning in the areas of 21st century skills, media literacy and STEAM enrichment. [http://nyc.gov/parks/media-ed](http://nyc.gov/parks/media-ed)

**POSITION TITLE (Max characters 100)**

Media Education Curriculum Development Intern

**INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (Max characters 1500 )**

- Assist in the development of Digital Learning and STEAM based curriculum for youth programs at our media labs.
- Work with Media Education Director, Program Developer and Parks’ Afterschool and Summer Camp leadership in use of Digital Learning and STEAM based curriculum.
- Support summer camp instructors as mentor - providing oversight and guidance to youth instructors in one or more media labs throughout the city.

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

- Undergraduate or graduate student majoring in curriculum development, educational technology, or possessing similar experience/interests.
- Interest and/or experience in creating and implementing active learning opportunities.
- Ability to communicate creative ideas in written, verbal, and visual forms.
- Ability to collaborate with other educators and Recreation staff to support youth learning and engagement.
- Proficiency on PCs, Macs, and multimedia software.
- Previous experience working with and collaborating with instructors and mentoring staff preferred.

**APPLICATION PROCESS (Max characters 700 )**

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

**SALARY RANGE**

Unpaid

☑️ Internship may be used to fulfill college credit requirement

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

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