

# 2016 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## AGENCY NAME

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

## DIVISION

Brooklyn Operations

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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 Brooklyn War Memorial inside of Brooklyn's Cadman Plaza is dedicated to the more than 300,000 "heroic men and women of the borough of Brooklyn" who served in World War II. Inside are displayed approximately 11,500 names of Brooklyn service members who died during the war.

The memorial, designed by the architectural firm of Eggers and Higgins, includes two massive exterior high relief figures by sculptor Charles Keck (1875 -1951), that depict a male warrior on the left and a female with a child to the right - symbols of victory and family.

The idea for a large-scale borough monument arose from Parks Commissioner Robert Moses's (1888 -1981) desire to create unified World War II monuments for each borough in an effort to avoid the situation that arose after World War I when many far flung, locally-inspired, individual pieces were erected throughout the city's parks. In the end, Brooklyn was the only borough to build such a monument.

## POSITION TITLE (Max characters 100)

Brooklyn War Memorial Historical Research Intern

**INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (Max characters 1500 )**

The Brooklyn War Memorial Historical Research Intern will be responsible for conducting historical research, to include conflicts in American History, and to provide information for displays and exhibits within the War Memorial. The intern will also assist with special event ceremonies such as ribbon cutting and ground breaking events.

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

Interns should be interested in or studying any of the following: history, urban studies, planning, government, urban design or landscape architecture. Interns should be energetic, pro-active, able to work independently and as part of a team. Excellent research, organizational and writing skills. Individuals should have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel.

**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 unique opportunity to work with a diverse group of people including park managers, architects, engineers, local elected officials, the community board, and dedicated volunteers.

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