

2015 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

AGENCY NAME

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

DIVISION

Park Design Intern

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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 over 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.

The past decade has seen a remarkable expansion of this system, with new parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and amenities opening across the five boroughs. The Bronx River was transformed from an urban dumping ground into a waterway that welcomes kayakers and has gleaming new parks dotting its shoreline. In Queens, Elmhurst Park flourishes where huge gas tanks once stood. In Manhattan, the High Line is a unique open space that brings much needed parkland to the Chelsea community. Brooklyn's once-abandoned industrial waterfront is revitalized with the creation of Brooklyn Bridge Park, Transmitter, and Bushwick Inlet Parks. On Staten Island, Freshkills will cover 2,200 acres of former landfill with lush rolling hills and winding streams. And through PlaNYC, we are ensuring a greener and more sustainable city for future generations. NYC Parks has built new regional parks, restored abandoned Works Progress Administration-era facilities such as McCarren Pool, greened asphalt traffic medians, converted part-time schoolyards into full-time public playgrounds, and has already planted more than 800,000 trees toward our goal of one million.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of 14% of New York City's land. 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 Pumpkin Festival. 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 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)

NYC Parks is offering a free playground design workshop for inner city youth. We are actively seeking up to seven summer interns who are currently juniors, seniors or graduate students of landscape architecture, urban planning, or open space management. Candidates must be interested in working as part of a borough-based design team to include parks designers and planners, borough teen coordinators, educational technology teachers, interns, and approximately 10-12 teens in the creation of a park design project. Successful candidates will be strong designers with appropriate computer skills, eager collaborators interested in open space design with a focus on environmental sustainability, and a solid desire to participate in this community stewardship and youth education project. Interns may be required to work in all boroughs.

POSITION TITLE (Max characters 100)

Park Design Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (Max characters 1500)

- Participate as an intern in a multi-disciplinary project team, under the supervision of a Parks management and teen program staff.
- Create and implement a curriculum for student participants in the development of a plan, as well as creation and assemble of presentation materials for in-house and potential client design review meetings, project proposals, and public presentations.
- Experience in 3-D drafting and graphic software work on landscape design projects. Model-making in clay, paper, foam core, and wood in the design phases of landscape projects. Interest in working with and stewarding inner-city youth in design projects.
- Create and present a final project (presentation) for upper management.

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

- Skills Required: Knowledge of Google Sketchup, the Adobe Creative Suite (version 3 or later), or other creative & design technology programs is required.
- Demonstrated self-motivation and the ability to work within a team structure.
- A keen understanding of open space and landscape architectural design process and documentation.
- An interest in further developing knowledge in landscape architecture and related pursuits.

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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