

# 2015 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## AGENCY NAME

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

## DIVISION

NY Tree Trust 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)

The NY Tree Trust was founded in 1994 to help protect, preserve and restore NYC's urban forest. The NY Tree Trust has focused on projects ranging from the development of Parks and neighborhood management plans, to publishing New York City centric tree publications to the installation of trees and tree guards. Since 2012, the NY Tree Trust has been focused on developing service based donations to fund tree protection, preservation or care. The vision of the NY Tree Trust is that all NYC trees receive a platinum level of care, all citizens are engaged in the care of the urban forest, and professional expertise is leveraged to the greatest extent to transform NYC into a model urban forest.

**POSITION TITLE (Max characters 100)**

NY Tree Trust Intern

**INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (Max characters 1500 )**

The NY Tree Trust is expanding the breadth and reach of its programming to elevate the quality of protection, preservation, and care of New York City's Great Trees. The NY Tree Trust seeks a qualified individual to inspect historically and botanically significant trees and produce reports on their condition along with recommendations for future maintenance. These reports will be incorporated into a management plan that will be implemented to manage the Great Trees of New York City.

- Complete tree inventories of parkland and botanically significant areas
  
- Produce reports on parkland inventoried
  
- Navigate city streets and parkland
  
- Interact with staff and the public in a courteous and professional manner

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

- Junior or senior at an accredited 4-year academic institution or graduate of an accredited community college with plans to further his/her educational endeavors
- Have successfully completed an urban forestry management course or equivalent and 3 out of 7 of the following courses: Dendrology, Spatial Sciences, Pathology, Entomology, Arboriculture, Biometrics and Soil Science
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and experience working with the public
- Ability to work independently
- A drivers license valid in New York State
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions
- Safely operate motor vehicles

**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**

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Internship may be used to fulfill college credit requirement

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

Deadline for application materials to be submitted is April 1. A housing stipend of \$800 is available as well as an hourly wage of \$13.71 per hour for 9 weeks.

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