

## SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2026



The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) serves as the City's primary capital construction project manager. We build many of the civic facilities New Yorkers use every day. We provide communities with new or renovated structures such as firehouses, libraries, police precincts, courthouses, senior centers, and more. To successfully manage our portfolio, we collaborate with other City agencies as well as with emerging and world-renowned architects and consultants. Our work doesn't stop at buildings — we also design and improve vital infrastructure. Our staff delivers roadway, sewer, and water main construction projects in all five boroughs. We provide sidewalks, street reconstruction, water mains, sewers, and pedestrian ramps — quality infrastructure that is essential for a healthy, resilient city. As our city grows, so does DDC. The Department of Design and Construction is a great place to work, cultivating intellectual inspiration, professional development, and creativity.

DDC's Summer Internship Program is an opportunity for a select group of students in the architecture, engineering, design, construction management, safety, and project controls professions to gain valuable experience within a public service context. Students will gain hands-on technical experience through specific field assignments and a mentoring relationship with senior-level technical staff. They will also have the opportunity, through a combination of seminars, site visits, and on-the-job training, to learn about the challenges of upgrading and constructing the City's public buildings and street infrastructure.

### **Target Audience**

We welcome students majoring in engineering, architecture, urban planning, construction management, computer science, data science, forestry, sustainable design, or related fields. Eligible applicants should be entering their sophomore, junior, senior, or fifth year of college, or be enrolled in graduate school.

### **Length of Program**

The 10-week Internship Program begins on Monday, June 1, 2026, and ends on Friday, August 7, 2026.

### **Structure of Program**

- Each intern is assigned to a mentor within their respective division and will be assigned to a project for the term of the program, or may rotate through different types of projects, depending on project availability.
- Interns will attend meetings and seminars with DDC senior staff and fellow DDC summer interns.
- Interns will participate in field trips to significant DDC construction projects.

Last year, DDC interns visited the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) Inspection Facility and Offices, a two-story masonry building built in the 1960s. They learned about recent structural improvements designed to enhance vehicular circulation, increase inspection lanes, reduce traffic congestion at access points, and provide additional off-street parking.

In 2025, our interns also toured the East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) project, a joint initiative of the City of New York and the federal government to reduce flood risk from coastal storms and sea-level rise on Manhattan's East Side. The project also aims to increase ecological diversity, improve waterfront accessibility, and provide enhanced recreational amenities for the community.

### Salary

- \$17.00 per hour for undergraduate students
- \$22.00 per hour for graduate students

### Assignments

Interns will be assigned to one of the agency's technical divisions: Alternative Delivery, Borough-Based Jails, Engineering Audit Office, Infrastructure, Project Controls, Public Buildings, or Safety & Site Support. Please review the unit descriptions below and follow the links below to apply to each division that you're interested in.

- **Alternative Delivery** is responsible for implementing the agency's design-build and CM-Build project delivery methods to speed projects and lower costs while ensuring quality. This team implements a consistent delivery framework, ensures functional coordination between Public Buildings and Infrastructure, and serves as a liaison across the agency's divisions.
- **Borough-Based Jails** leads the design-build effort to construct new detention centers within the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, and will enable the closure of the Rikers Correctional Center in 2027.
- The **Engineering Audit Office (EAO)** independently audits and certifies all approved contract and contract change (change order) payments requested for work performed for construction, equipment, and related consultant services by DDC contractors and consultants prior to payment by the City of New York.
- The **Infrastructure** Division is committed to delivering best-in-class infrastructure projects for the City of New York, on time and on budget. A primary objective of the division is to coordinate the various project components requested by the sponsor agencies. This includes all aspects of a project, including sewers (sanitary, storm, and/or combined), water mains (distribution and/or trunk), utility coordination, curbs, sidewalks, traffic signals, lighting, pedestrian ramps, hydrants, catch basins, trees, urban landscaping, plazas, total street reconstructions, resiliency, and flood mitigation.
- The **Project Controls** Division is dedicated to advancing DDC's core mission of delivering projects on time and on budget. The division provides institutional data analytics services and helps DDC adopt best practices in schedule, cost, and risk management. The Project Controls division provides project-level support for individual projects, as well as programmatic and advisory support.
- The **Public Buildings** Division designs, renovates, and builds libraries, museums, police precincts, and firehouses. The Public Buildings (PB) division collaborates with 28 City agencies, architects, and consultants to upgrade, rehabilitate, renovate, and build new public facilities, from the ground up, that New Yorkers use every day. The division includes the Civic and Uniform Structures units (Police, Fire, DCAS, Courts, DEP, Sanitation, Transportation, Tanks, Health, Parks, Human Services + UPK, ACS, Libraries, and Cultural Institutions), as well as an in-house Architecture and Engineering team which provides a variety of technical services in support of DDC's portfolio.
- The **Safety & Site Support** Division is comprised of six sections that provide technical support to the Infrastructure and Public Buildings divisions. Technical services include hazardous materials investigations and remediation, environmental assessment and investigations, environmental permitting, geotechnical services, land surveying services, construction safety compliance, material testing and fabrication services, and prevailing wage

compliance. The division provides additional field support through site quality and safety audits and inspections of various manufacturing plants.

### **Program Qualification Requirements**

- Undergraduate students must be matriculated in an accredited college or be recent college graduates (winter/spring term of the program year).
- Graduate students must be currently enrolled in a graduate program in an accredited college, university, or law school.

**Upon acceptance into the program and before your start date, you must provide a copy of the registrar's memo verifying your matriculation status. Failure to provide such documentation may result in rejection from the program.**

### **Application Process**

To apply, click on the links below or visit <https://cityjobs.nyc.gov/> and search by Job ID#.

- Alternative Delivery
  - [Graduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764445
- Borough-Based Jails Program
  - [Undergraduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764498
  - [Graduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764491
- Engineering Audit Office
  - [Undergraduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764780
- Infrastructure Division
  - [Undergraduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764510
  - [Graduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764522
- Project Controls Division
  - [Undergraduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764734
  - [Graduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764739
- Public Buildings Division
  - [Undergraduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764541
  - [Graduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764551
- Safety and Site Support Division
  - [Graduate Intern role](#) JOB ID #764751

Please indicate in your cover letter whether you will be an undergraduate or graduate-level student for the upcoming Fall 2026 term. Note, you will need to submit your unofficial transcript if you are selected for an interview.

Authorization to work in the United States is required for this position. NYC Department of Design and Construction does not provide sponsorship for international employees for visa applications, extensions, or status changes, including STEM/OPT visas. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they meet all qualifying requirements for this position at the time of application.

Online applications must be completed by **March 31, 2026**. Incomplete packages will not be considered.

**Thank you for your interest in our Summer Internship Program. Good luck!**