

Position Description

Environmental Education Department Seasonal Environmental Education Intern



Reports to: Director of Education & Outreach, Environmental Educator
Hours/Week: Avg. 30 FLSA: Non-Exempt

The Hudson River Park Trust's Environment and Education (E&E) Department seeks Seasonal Environmental Education Interns. The interns work with staff to achieve the Trust's mission of protecting and managing the Hudson River Estuarine Sanctuary and improving awareness and understanding of the Hudson River through education and outreach. This position is an excellent opportunity for those interested in urban environmental education and outreach. Selected staff will gain a great understanding for NYC's natural resources, environmental education and research projects along the Hudson River.

Background:

The Trust is a public benefit corporation created by act of the New York State Legislature and a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The mission of the Trust is to design, construct and maintain a prominent, and very heavily used, 4 mile long waterfront park on the west side of Manhattan. The Park includes landscaped public piers and display gardens, lawn areas, ecological planting zones, athletic fields, esplanades, docks, public sculptures and other special features. The Trust covers its \$27 million annual operating budget through parking revenue, rents from commercial facilities, permits, fees, grants, donations generated by a "Friends" organization and other private sources. The Park accommodates approximately 17 million visits by the public each year.

The Seasonal Environmental Education Interns' time will be spent providing high quality hands-on environmental education experiences to students and park patrons. Each year, Hudson River Park educators serve tens of thousands of New Yorkers with the implementation of our robust environmental education programming during the summer season. In addition, interns will gain familiarity with park stewardship and citizen science projects focused on oyster restoration, marine debris and composting.

Responsibilities/Duties, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Teach HRP's environmental education programs to camp groups at outdoor locations throughout the Park
- Facilitate HRP's public drop-in programs at outdoor locations throughout the Park, including Big City Fishing, Shell-ebrate Oysters, Pop Up Maker Space and more
- Learn catch and release fishing and how to handle live fish and bait
- Monitor and maintain fish tanks, filtration equipment and aquaria signage
- Provide proper care and husbandry to fish, plants and other animals in tanks
- Support park field scientists to assist students and members of the public conducting scientific monitoring and stewardship projects focused on oyster restoration, marine debris or composting

- Develop educational resources to be used in programming
- Maintain various department resources, such as fishing poles and power tools
- Otherwise assisting E&E Department with tasks as needed

Required Education and Experience:

- Applicants must have completed at least one year towards a Bachelor's or Associate's Degree
- Coursework focused on marine, environmental science, or education is preferred
- Strong interest in teaching environmental themes to diverse audiences is required
- Applicants must be comfortable interacting with members of the public in a friendly and professional manner
- Ability to work as a part of a team, multitask and problem solve
- Applicants must have strong organization and communication skills and be able to follow through on several tasks with time sensitive deadlines
- Willingness to practice catch and release fishing and handle live animals are required
- Familiarity with both Hudson River Park and general New York City geography are preferred
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds, stand, walk, kneel, sit and work outside in all weather conditions and on weekends (Sunday-Wednesday schedule with occasional Saturdays) is required
- A valid driver's license is required

Compensation/Benefits:

- \$16.00 per hour, there are no benefits associated with this position
- This is a 10 week seasonal position, from June 18 to August 26 with availability for an extension into September
- Summer Environmental Educators are expected to work approximately 30 hours per week, including weekends and some evenings.
- Standard work week Sunday to Wednesday: Sundays (10-630); Mondays (1130-8); Tuesdays (930-4); Wednesdays (930-4)
- Saturday work dates: July 14 & August 11
- September extension work dates: September 2, 9, 16, 22 & 30th

Application Process:

Interested applicants are to submit a cover letter and resume to Kate Yarhouse, Director of Human Resources at resumes@hrpt.ny.gov. **Indicate Job Code: 2018 SEEI in the subject line of the email.**

No phone calls please.

More information on the Hudson River Park is available at:

www.hudsonriverpark.org

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