Education and School Programs Academic Internship
Golden Gate National Parks, Crissy Field Center, San Francisco
Full Time, Spring Semester 2017 (possible summer extension)
Available only to students currently enrolled at COM, SFSU, and CCSF

OVERVIEW

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a destination for both locals and international visitors with its sweeping vistas, immense biological diversity, and unique cultural resources. With over 15 million visitors annually and over 80,000 acres of land, the GGNRA is the largest urban national park in the country.

The National Park Service is celebrating its centennial year! The focus for the 100 year celebration is diversity and inclusion. With this in mind education programs in the parks are created to be relevant to the growing student audience who will become the future stewards of the parks. Multi-lingual and dynamic programs are currently offered at Crissy Field to teach youth the importance of public lands and their changing communities. By providing outdoor classrooms and hands on learning opportunities the youth develop a long lasting emotional connection to nature around them.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Are you passionate about working with youth, nature conservation and social justice?

This position is based out of the Crissy Field Center in the GGNRA. The Crissy Field Center is a youth center with the National Park Service. It is a partnership effort with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Parks Conservancy) and the Presidio Trust. Crissy Field Center predominantly works with low income and underserved public schools to give access to those who are not traditionally viewed as National Park visitors. The youth come from varying degrees of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds as well as variation in English language skills. The center provides a safe learning space with the mission PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER.

Working as part of a tri-agency partnership, this intern will assist with the development and leading of education programs for curriculum based visits to the recreation area. This involves organizing and coordinating transportation for the youth and delivery of programs. The intern will be utilizing conventional and non-conventional teaching methods in the field as well as indoors in the art, media and ecology labs, in order to create a holistic learning opportunity. In order to best engage the youth some of the teaching tools used will include live field specimens, microscopes, binoculars, cameras, iPads and puppets.
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
- Assist with all aspects of managing education programs. This includes:
  - Coordinate logistics for class reservations, transportation and teaching materials.
  - Deliver engaging curriculum based programs indoors and outdoors.
  - Develop education tools to promote relevant program delivery for diverse students.
  - Communicate with teachers for class visits, field visits and student learning needs.
  - Enter school program records into database.
  - Assist other Crissy Field staff with youth activities in the art, media and ecology laboratories as needed.
  - Adhere and respect the internship dress code.

BENEFITS
- Gain leadership and youth education experience at a highly respected non-profit organization with a model partnership between federal agencies.
- Opportunity for personal/professional development days including training and education, in various departments within the National Park Service and Parks Conservancy.
- Work with a group of experts in their respected fields including Park Rangers, Scientists, Artists and Media Specialists.
- Access to a LEED certified building ranked among the top 20 most sustainable buildings in the world.
- Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day stipend available, plus academic credit.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS
- Enthusiasm for environmental education and for working with youth.
- A love of working with youth, nature, outdoor work, and engaging with people.
- Interest in social justice and environmental protection.
- Positive attitude, adaptable, self-motivated, and willing to learn new skills.
- Desire to work in a team and to work with a diverse group of people with different backgrounds, ethnicity, races, genders, sexualities, ages, and viewpoints.
- Ability to work independently and take on a leadership roles as needed.
- Good communication skills; treats others with respect; speaks and writes clearly and effectively.
- Basic computer literacy, Microsoft Word and Excel; experience with Photoshop/InDesign a plus.
- A valid driver’s license and clean driving record.
- Bi-lingual skills are a plus.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT
- This is an education based position with a day (or two) of office time per week. Must enjoy working outside in various weather conditions while maintaining a good attitude.
- Ability to lift, carry and position objects weighing up to 40 pounds.
TERMS

- Desired Start Date: January 2017
- 5 days per week, January through May. Summer extension may be possible based on funding, performance, and need
- Available only to students currently enrolled in SF State and City College of San Francisco
- Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day taxable stipend plus academic credit available
- Intern must have a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to receive stipend

To Apply: Complete the Application Form Survey (click the link) and email your resume and a thoughtful cover letter to “Academic Internship Committee” at AcademicIntern@parksconservancy.org. Please include “Academic Internship Application” in the subject line and list the position title(s) of interest in your email.

No phone calls please.

The Parks Conservancy and National Park Service seek to increase diversity in the workplace and reflect the demographics of our Bay Area community. People of color and from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.