Natural Resource Academic Internship
Golden Gate National Parks; Parkwide, New Sites
Full Time (preferred); Part Time Considered
Spring Semester 2017 (with potential for Summer Extension)
Available only to students currently enrolled at COM, SFSU, and CCSF

OVERVIEW

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area 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, it is the largest urban national park in the country.

Our work is highly variable and covers a broad spectrum of topics, including inventorying existing biological and physical resources, identifying and managing threats to sensitive resources, and engaging the surrounding community in “stewarding” important park sites. Work sites are in a variety of coastal habitats from oak-bay woodlands to coastal freshwater marshes supporting four endangered animals.

POSITION

Are you interested in ecological restoration and community stewardship?

The successful candidates will assist the Park Stewardship Restoration Manager while doing a variety of resource management activities that change over the seasons. This internship will need to extend into the summer months (i.e. beyond the normal school season.) Depending on weather and scheduling, duties will include invasive plant mapping and management (year-round, ~60% of the internship), seed collection (summer, 10%), California red-legged frog monitoring (winter, ~10%), mission blue butterfly and San Bruno elfin butterfly monitoring (spring, 20%), revegetation of disturbed landscapes (10%) and leading volunteer programs (20%).

This internship will include a mix of working in an office (Fort Mason) and field sites. Candidate will be expected to traverse very difficult terrain off trail to manage and monitor wildlife and plants. Candidate should be somewhat flexible and accepting of dynamic schedules, as much of our work is weather dependent.
BENEFITS

● Gain experience working with endangered species.
● Gain plant identification experience
● Gain experience using a GPS unit and displaying GIS data
● Gain experience using an Access Database
● Gain experience using a variety of mechanical and hand tools
● Explore off-trail areas of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area that the public does not get to visit
● Opportunities to work with staff and volunteers from diverse backgrounds that share a common interest in preserving and protecting our natural lands while engaging the next generation of park stewards.
● Opportunity for personal/professional development days to pursue an interest, including training and education in various departments within the Park Service and Parks Conservancy.
● Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day stipend available, plus academic credit and transportation to field sites from Fort Mason

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

● A love of nature, outdoor work, and getting your hands dirty
● Interest in ecological restoration and community stewardship
● Energetic, flexible, self-motivated, and a sense of humor
● Desire to work in a team and to work with a diversity of people with different backgrounds, ethnicity, races, genders, sexualities, ages, and viewpoints
● Ability to work independently and take on a leadership role as needed
● Good communication skills; treats others with respect; speaks and writes clearly and effectively
● Basic computer literacy, Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience with database operations or 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 a field based position with occasional office time. Must enjoy working outside in various weather conditions while maintaining a sense of humor
• Extreme sensitivity to poison oak may be problematic (personal protective equipment against poison oak will be provided)
• Ability to lift, carry and position objects weighing up to 40 pounds

TERMS
• Desired Start Date: January/February 2017
• Full time preferred, but a part time schedule will be considered
• Summer and Fall (full time) extension possible
• Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day taxable stipend available, plus academic credit and transportation to field sites from Fort Mason
• Intern must have a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to receive stipend
• Available only to students currently enrolled in SF State, City College of San Francisco, and College of Marin

To apply for this position, please submit an application and send a resume and a thoughtful cover letter to AcademicIntern@parksconservancy.org. Please indicate the position(s) that you are applying for in your cover letter. No phone calls please.

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