Natural Resource Management Academic Internship
Golden Gate National Parks, San Mateo
Part Time, Spring Semester 2017 with possibility for 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 Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Natural Resources division is highly variable and covers a broad spectrum of topics, including inventorying existing biological and physical resources, identifying and managing threats to sensitive resources, identifying historic landscapes and managing to promote the functions of those landscapes, and engaging the surrounding community in “stewarding” important park sites. It is composed of about 15 staff people and 10 interns, primarily based out of Fort Cronkhite in Marin.

POSITION

Are you interested in a wide variety of natural resource topics and enjoy working independently to accomplish goals?

We are looking for a San Mateo Natural Resource Management Intern that is excited to participate in a variety of resource management activities that change over the seasons, focusing on both vegetation and wildlife monitoring and management.

Working as part of a small team or occasionally independently, this intern will perform field-based work in remote areas. The intern may provide oversight of contractors managing weeds and may need to interact with park users to explain vegetation management project objectives.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

- Learn to monitor wildlife and an endangered plant at Rancho Corral de Tierra, including:
- Surveying and documenting endangered Hickman’s potentilla patches
- Collecting/replacing wildlife camera memory cards and processing photos of wildlife
Assist in the implementation of a management project to protecting an endangered plant to include:

- Seed collection for revegetation efforts
- Contractor oversight during vegetation management work
- Potentially engaging with park users about vegetation management objectives
- Provide assistance as scheduling allows for monitoring endangered animal species, including California red-legged frogs, San Bruno elfin butterflies, and Mission blue butterflies

**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 tools.
- Explore off-trail areas of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area that the public does not get to visit.
- Opportunity to attend Park Academy Classes on a variety of topics including resume building and interview skills, park orientation and history, flora and fauna, mapping and monitoring, computer skills, and much more!
- 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.
- Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day taxable stipend available, plus academic credit.

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- A love of nature, outdoor work, and getting your hands dirty.
- Interest in ecological restoration and endangered species stewardship.
- Energetic, flexible, self-motivated, and a sense of humor.
- Desire to work in a small 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.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT**

- This is a field based position with a day (or two) of office time per week. Must enjoy working outside in various weather conditions while maintaining a sense of humor.
- Ability to lift, carry and position objects weighing up to 40 pounds.
TERMS

● Desired Start Date: January 2017 (or earlier if you want to monitor frogs)
● 2 – 3 days per week, January through May. Summer extension may be possible based on funding, performance, and need. Dates are flexible, but must be whole, and preferably include Mondays every week.
● 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
● 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.