



## Southern Areas Interpretation Academic Internship

Golden Gate National Recreation Area; Fully in-person  
Full Time (4-5 full days/week), Summer 2026  
Available only to students currently enrolled at COM, CCSF, and SFSU

### Organization Description:

Since 1981, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Parks Conservancy) has served as the nonprofit partner of the National Park Service, collaborating with the Presidio Trust, partners, donors, and the community to support the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The GGNRA stretches across three Bay Area counties north and south of the Golden Gate Bridge and includes iconic places such as Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Point National Historic Site, Alcatraz Island, Crissy Field, Mori Point, Lands End, and the Presidio of San Francisco.

The Parks Conservancy engages at the intersection of national park sites, local communities, social justice, and climate resilience. Collaborating with partners, our staff are dedicated to enhancing public awareness and providing volunteer and educational opportunities in the parks. We are park builders, caretakers, ambassadors and educators, all working to connect people to parks in support of our vision *Parks for All Forever*. Join us.

### Branch/Unit Description:

The southern areas interpretation team is a diverse group of people filled with different backgrounds and lived experiences. The team is built on collaboration, reciprocity, and comradery. The supervisor and lead ranger encourage people to show up as their authentic self and emphasize psychological safety for all members of the team. The interpretation division as a whole is focused on sharing the stories of the landscape (natural and cultural) with visitors from the local community as well as all over the world. The goal is to promote learning for the visitors and inspire lifelong stewardship of public lands in the bay area and beyond.

## **Internship Overview:**

This position would be focused on interpretation in the Southern Areas of the GGNRA. The intern would be expected to serve as front line staff and represent the park/NPS to visitors. They would educate visitors on the history and stories of the park through informal and formal interpretive opportunities. Informal looks like staffing a visitor center desk, greeting people as they make their way into Fort Point, or making contacts with people while roving trails. Formal examples would be through 5 minute "park overviews" that take place in the visitor center and a 15-minute Fort Point talk where the intern would choose a topic related to Fort Point then research and develop their talk around that. The intern would have a wide variety of self-development opportunities throughout the internship, both in the field of interpretation and divisions across the park (natural resources, maintenance, admin, etc..)

This position is located at Crissy Field East Beach. The start date for this position is June 2nd, 2026, with an end date of August 14th, 2026. Work is performed Fully in-person. The work schedule for this position is Wednesday-Saturday 9am- 5pm. Interns must be able to work in half-day or full-day increments. Interns must have a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to receive a stipend. This position is only available to students currently enrolled at College of Marin, SF State University, and City College of San Francisco.

## **Reports To: Park Guide and Volunteer Program Manager (Southern Areas)**

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Attend workshops to further their own development
- Act as a mentor to new members of the team/volunteers
- Learn how to write interpretive programs
- Attend an ACE training to enhance their interpretation skills
- I hope as a supervisor I am able to help them self-identify areas in which they want to learn and grow and support them in reaching those learning goals

### **Essential Functions and Responsibilities:**

- Provide visitors with information and stories about the park sites
- Work well with existing members of the team
- Staffing the Presidio Visitor Center and Fort Point
- Roving trails and making contact with visitors on the trail
- Research and develop a 15-minute Fort Point program that will be delivered with members of the public

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- The attitude and aptitude to learn new things related to the work and be part of the team, the rest of the tools we can give them!

### **Health and Safety:**

It is the goal of the Parks Conservancy to create and maintain a safe and healthy workplace. We work to mitigate hazards and risks that may cause harm to employees, consistent with state and federal laws. Employees play an active role in creating a safe and healthy workplace and are expected to comply with all applicable health and safety rules.

### **Physical Requirements and Work Environments:**

- The ability to work in the cold, as Fort Point can be chilly.

### **Terms of Position**

- Start Date: June 2, 2026
- Fully in-person
  - Work site: Office: 1199 East Beach - Field locations: Fort Point NHS, The Presidio Visitor Center, and roves within the "southern areas" of the GGNRA
- Work Schedule: June 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 14<sup>th</sup> (11 weeks total)
- Intern must be able to work in half-day or full day increments
- Intern must have a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to receive stipend
- Available only to students currently enrolled at College of Marin, SF State and City College of San Francisco

### **Benefits**

- Opportunity to attend trainings and workshops on a variety of topics including resume building and interview skills, history, flora and fauna of the GGNRA, mapping and monitoring, computer skills, and much more
- Opportunity to enjoy the scenery, wildlife and cultural resources of a spectacular National Park
- Opportunity 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 days in various departments within the Park Service and Parks Conservancy
- Five and dollars (\$500) per week taxable stipend plus academic credit available
- Uniforms will be provided

### **Position Contact and How to Apply**

To apply for this position, please [submit an application](#) by March 15, 2026. For questions regarding the Academic Internship Program, please reach out to [internships@parksconservancy.org](mailto:internships@parksconservancy.org).

**Application Deadline Date:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified. All employees may be required to perform duties outside of their normal responsibilities from time to time, as needed.

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