



Alcatraz Historical Interpretive Academic Intern

Golden Gate National Parks; In-Person

Part-Time, Summer 2024

Available only to students currently enrolled at COM, SFSU and CCSF

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.

Branch/Unit Description

Interpretation is the practice of sharing the stories of a place in order to connect visitors and their experiences to our nation's natural and historic resources. Our profession is driven by the philosophy of engaging audiences for the purpose of inspiring them to care about park resources and the collective history of our nation. Through this practice, the NPS communicates the values of environmental conservation and social justice in support of our mission of preservation, protection, and recreation.

This internship is for the position of a Historic Interpretation Academic Intern on Alcatraz Island, a unit of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Your office will be on the island of Alcatraz, next to the infamous prison that held thousands of former prisoners during its lifetime.

We are looking for someone who is excited about history, research, and working with visitors to the park. You will have the opportunity to interact with visitors from around the world, and to develop public programs to present to the public.

Internship Overview

As a Historical Interpretive Intern, you will work to assist Park Rangers with day-to-day operations on Alcatraz Island. Tasks include roving the island to serve as the frontline person for the National Park Service, staff various exhibits to welcome visitors, provide dock announcements for ferries arriving to Alcatraz, conduct research on approved topics for programming, developing program outlines based on National Park Service program standards, and presenting live public programming. You'll get the opportunity to learn about daily park operations, practice public speaking and visitor service skills, and network with the many divisions that operate on Alcatraz Island.

Alcatraz serves both visitors during the day and visitors during the evening, so there are chances to experience island operations during various times of day.

Work is performed in an office setting and outdoors. The AIP program requires at least 2 full days per week onsite.

Reports To: Alcatraz Interpretation Park Ranger

Essential Functions and Responsibilities:

- Serve as front-line uniformed intern for the National Park Service on Alcatraz Island
- Rove around Alcatraz Island to provide National Park Service presence for visitors
- Assist with dock announcements to welcome visitors arriving to island by ferry
- Conduct research on Alcatraz history to create a program outline
- Develop a program outline from start to finish with guidance from park rangers
- Present or co-lead a public program for visitors
- Assist with additional tasks as needed

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs):

- We are looking for someone who is outgoing, passionate about the history of Alcatraz and the Bay Area, and not afraid to interact with the public
- Some experience with public speaking
- Bilingual skills a plus but not required
- Prioritizes punctuality
- Basic computer and research skills

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.

Based on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parks Conservancy requires all employees to be vaccinated and to provide proof of such vaccination as a condition of employment.

Physical Requirements and Work Environments:

- A majority of the work for this internship position will be outside on Alcatraz Island. Alcatraz often experiences foggy weather, extreme wind, and colder temperatures.
- Comfortable walking up and down hills and stairs. I.e. The prison cellhouse is on top of a gradual uphill climb equivalent to about 13 flights of stairs.
- Comfortable riding a ferry for a short distance at least twice a day. Getting to Alcatraz is via ferry only. Water can occasionally be choppy.

Terms of Position

- Start Date: May 29, 2024
- In-person (safety and public health permitting – virtual work may be provided otherwise)
 - Work site: Alcatraz Island
- Work Schedule: 2- 3 days a week, Tuesdays - Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., May 29th - August 2nd (10 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:

- Become familiarized with National Park Service hierarchy and structure.
- Network with different divisions of Alcatraz Island and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
- Learn about research and history of Alcatraz and other park sites within the Golden Gate NRA.
- Learn about federal job searching and how to get started with applying for federal positions.
- Practice public speaking skills.
- 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
- 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.
- **Two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) per week** taxable stipend plus academic credit available
- Uniform will be provided.

Position Contact and How to Apply

To apply for this position, please [submit an application](#) by April 1, 2024. For questions regarding the Academic Internship Program, please reach out to internships@parksconservancy.org. No phone calls please.

Application Deadline Date: April 1, 2024

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