

# 2025 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## PARKS & RECREATION-048

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### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation manages 14 percent of the land in New York City with facilities ranging from playgrounds and large parks, to tranquil wooded areas and more than 14 miles of beaches. Parks serve as New Yorkers' backyards, as vital meeting areas for outdoor play and recreation – but also as an important tool in mitigating the effects of climate change, critical engines for economic growth and development.

NYC Parks' mission is to grow, maintain, and program a world-class park system prioritizing equity, access, safety, and nature.

Highlights of Parks' work over the last year include:

- Launching the Vital Parks for All plan, an initial investment of over \$3.2 billion across ten strategic initiatives to expand greenspace access, promote public safety, and engage New Yorkers in the stewardship of their local parks. Vital Parks for All delivers a plan to restore aging park facilities, bring new park resources where they are needed most, and empower New Yorkers with the data they need to advocate for their public greenspaces. This included the creation of the Vital Parks Explorer, a digital map that provides New Yorkers with data on park conditions to help them advocate for strategic investments and show how their parks compare to other communities across NYC.

- Joining Mayor Adams to launch “Let’s Swim NYC,” a more than \$1 billion capital investment in building, improving, and protecting New York City’s public pools over the course of five years. This funding marks the city’s highest investment in swimming infrastructure since the 1970s and includes two brand-new pools.

- Keeping New Yorkers healthy in the face of extreme heat by planting nearly 18,000 new trees, our highest tree planting total in the past six fiscal years — with a special focus on neighborhoods impacted by high heat vulnerability.

- Deploying additional “second shift” maintenance services to approximately 100 hot spots throughout the five boroughs, giving extra cleaning attention to the sites that most needed it. We also unveiled special trash receptacles designed specifically for pizza boxes, giving New Yorkers a place to dispose of their bulky boxes while limiting the food available to rodents.

- Helping visitors enjoy our greenspaces more comfortably by installing new baby changing tables in over 1,200 restrooms citywide, while also launching an ambitious initiative to build 46 new restrooms and renovate 36 existing restrooms throughout the five boroughs.

The work of our staff goes far beyond the maintenance of New York City’s nearly 30,000 acres and more than 2.5 million trees. Parks is the City’s leading programmer of cultural, athletic, and social activities, including nature walks, volunteer programs, sports clinics, historic house tours, and much more. In addition, Parks produces special events, concerts and movie premieres, and manages agreements with more than 300 businesses that operate on public parkland.

### UNIT DESCRIPTION

Technical Services is a division of Citywide Services created to meet the construction and equipment repair needs of NYC Parks. Our division has grown and adapted to meet Parks' ever-increasing needs in skilled trades, machinery repair, specialized park maintenance and storage for our citywide programs. We have also been leaders in developing and implementing dozens of sustainability projects to meet the goals outlined in PlaNYC. Two divisions within Citywide Services are hiring an intern.

Our Stationary Engineer Division ensures our high-profile recreation centers and facilities are running smoothly (including, but not limited to cooling tower compliance, public safety, inspection, operation, repair and maintenance of HVAC/R equipment, chiller plants, dehumidification units, emergency generators, packaged AC units and sprinkler/standpipe systems).

Our Sustainable Facilities Division is tasked with inspecting mechanical systems across the agency to understand the needs of each facility, coordinate repairs, recommend ways to make facilities more efficient and sustainable and update the mechanical systems database.

### POSITION TITLE

Citywide Services Operations Intern

## **INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assisting with boiler compliance documentation tracking.
- AMPS work order tracking for our staff.
- Inventory management.
- Sprinkler/standpipe inspection documentation tracking.
- Preventative Maintenance (PM) documentation tracking.
- Attaining quotes.
- Creating equipment information lists for sites.

## **QUALIFICATIONS/SPECIAL SKILLS/AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office - Access, Excel and SQL
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Understanding of recording and maintaining data on both databases and spreadsheets
- Strong research skills
- Technical proficiency

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please email cover letter and resume to [Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov)