



2025 Academic Internships



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Alcatraz Island



Photo Credit: Paul Myers

Program Details

- ❖ Program open to students enrolled at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State, and College of Marin in all majors
 - ❖ Please note* You must plan to enroll for spring, summer, or fall 2025
- ❖ June 3 – August 15, 2025; 11 weeks total
 - ❖ 4 required orientation & onboarding days: June 3rd, June 4th, June 5th, and June 6th
- ❖ Part-time and Full-time positions available
- ❖ Positions may be in-person or hybrid
 - ❖ Located in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties
- ❖ \$250/\$500 weekly stipend
- ❖ Academic credit/units available
- ❖ Summer Workshop Series and additional enrichment opportunities outside of your specific internship are encouraged



Program Goals

- ❖ **Create immersive opportunities** for young people to gain work and leadership skills through practical experience, interactive learning, essential skill building, and specialized training
- ❖ **Greater engagement of local youth who have been historically underserved in our national parks and public lands**, particularly local youth of color, as well as from lower socio-economic means
- ❖ Encourage and provide a **ladder of learning and career pathways** through community building, alumni engagement, and professional networking
- ❖ Cultivate our future workforce and **next generation of leaders**
- ❖ Offer transformative experiences that build **deep connections to our public lands**
- ❖ **Provide support** to meet fundamental needs of park management and operations

Business Administration & Operations





Facilities & Fleet Academic Internship

Historical Heritage and Operational Excellence:

Engage in the preservation and management of our cherished historical facilities, ensuring they remain vibrant hubs of cultural and educational significance.

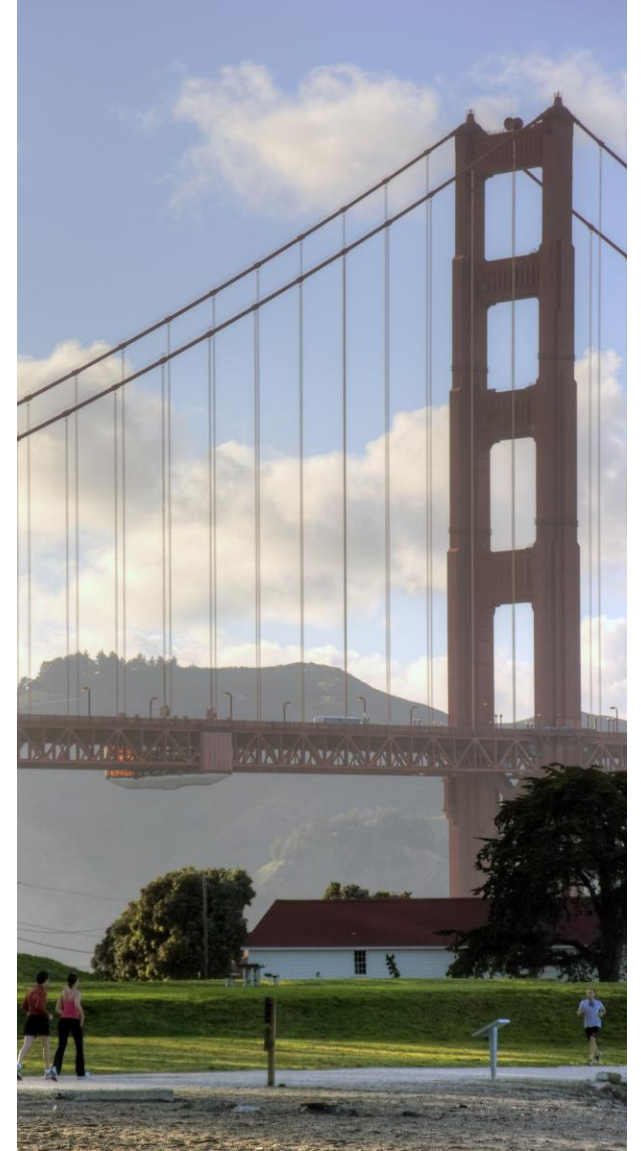
From iconic landmarks to hidden gems, you'll play a vital role in safeguarding these treasures for future generations while optimizing their operational efficiency.

Your contributions will directly impact the seamless functioning of our operational infrastructure. You will support team members in fulfilling their roles effectively and contribute to our collective success.

Based in **Fort Mason**, San Francisco

Hybrid – requiring 3 days in the office

Work Schedule: **Monday – Friday 9 am – 5:30 pm**

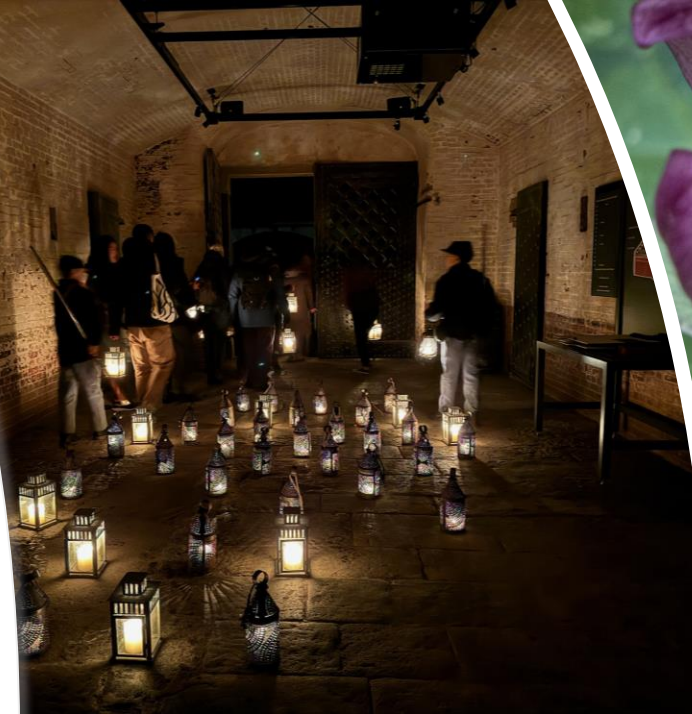


Social Media Internship

Tory Starling | Interpretation & Education Visual Information Specialist

Do you enjoy taking photos and videos? Are you interested in connecting with park fans across the country through social media?

- Develop your photography, writing, and professional skills
- **Hybrid:** Virtual & In-Person Internship
- Full or part-time
- Media Lab at 1199 East Beach
Go explore the parks for your posts.



Special Park Uses Internship

Alejandra Iraheta | Permit Specialist

Do you love organizing and event planning? Are you looking to learn more about your local National Parks? If so, join our dynamic, fast paced team this summer!

- Hybrid Part-time schedule: Monday-Wednesday
- Assist with online organization of files
- Update online website
- Explore GGNRA sites
- Opportunities to assist with permit monitoring



Sustainability Internship

Laura Castellini | Sustainability Coordinator

Are you passionate about addressing climate change and learning how sustainability programs are managed in a National Park?

Projects this summer will focus on zero-waste initiatives.

- Virtual & In-Person Internship
- Flexible for Part or Full-time
- San Francisco, CA

Photo Credit: Alison Taggart-Barone



Youth Programs

Internship

Josef Holt | Operations
Coordinator

Interested in working at a youth & community center located in a national park and centers social and environmental justice?

- Help capture photos of the three main summer programs (*UTB, LINC, QBBA*)
- Learn about logistical support for a youth and community center
- Shadow summer program on camping trips and special field trips

On-Site & In-Person: Crissy Field Center located at Tunnel Tops in the Presidio

Full-time: Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm



Community Programs





Community Engagement Internships

Karen Offereins
Program Manager

Christian Trujillo
Program Manager

Are you looking to build your skills in community engagement and outreach through nature-based programs and initiatives in community spaces?

- Work Schedule: Full-time, Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Working in San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties.

Black Point Historic Gardens Internship

Natalie Korengold | Program Manager,
Alcatraz and Black Point Historic Gardens

Are you interested in connecting community members to the magic of gardening and native plants?

Are you dedicated to making parks accessible for all, and collaborating with community members to rebuild pathways to parks that have been broken?

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- **Support community connection, environmental education, and land stewardship in the Black Point Historic Gardens**
 - **Learn about and support the ongoing partnership between the gardens and the American Indian Cultural District, and how to bring culturally relevant programming to our parks**
 - **Learn basic gardening skills and spend your workdays primarily outdoors!**



Community Outreach

Fatima Colindres | Interpretation Park Ranger

Are you passionate about conducting recreational programming outdoors, working with local community groups and introducing urban audiences to their national parks?

- Full-Time (32-40 hours/week)
 - Wednesday to Saturday
 - Saturdays Required
 - Mostly In-person, Some Virtual
 - Research and Project Time
- Presidio Tunnel Tops, Crissy Field

Photo Credit: NPS



**One Tam Community
Engagement Internship**
Zaira Sierra | Program Manager

**Are you interested in Mt. Tam
and sharing appreciation for
nature and science with
individuals and in community?**

Hybrid: One Tam office in San
Rafael and various locations
across Marin County

Full-time: Tue-Sat, 9am-5pm

- Develop skills to plan, organize and facilitate outdoor activities.
- Opportunities for networking with national and county parks.
- Work in beautiful locations!



Muir Woods Community Engagement

Jackson Lam | Park Ranger

Muir Woods National Monument sees **800,000 visitors** annually. Many local community members face a variety of barriers to enjoying Muir Woods. **Our goal is to welcome neighbors to our National Parks and other open spaces.**

- **Full-time** (40 hours) preferred or **Part-time** (20 Hours), Tuesday – Saturday, approximately 9a-5p.
- Work Locations: **Muir Woods** (Mill Valley, Marin) and **Crissy Field Center** (Presidio, San Francisco).
- Personal car recommended but not required.



Historic Preservation



Historic Landscape

Ruben Limon | Gardener Leader

The Fort Mason and Sutro Heights Park historic gardens are looking for an intern interested in learning the daily operations of a Landscape management program in a park atmosphere.

- Sustainable gardening
- Visitor engagement
- Volunteer program management

- In-Person Internship
- Part-time or Full-time
- San Francisco, CA





Park Steward Apprentice

Alan Fritzing | Maintenance
Zone Steward - Gardener

Are you interested in helping care for our park lands? Do you like working with different communities and in unique environments?

- Work with people from all walks of life
- Opportunity to network
- Receive training in several marketable subjects
- Program and policy implementation
- See all the park & work in amazing locations
- Resume building
- & more!

Museum Program

Amanda Williford | Supervisory Curator

Do you have a strong love of history and want to get hands on experience with historic objects and archives? Want to learn how and why the GGNRA keeps museum collections?

- In-Person Internship
- Some virtual activities
- Part-time
- San Francisco, CA

Photo Credit: NPS Archives



Visitor Services Programs



Alcatraz Historical Interpretation

Roger Fang | Park Ranger

The Alcatraz Ranger team is looking an intern that:

- Enjoys working outdoors
- Is passionate about teaching history
- Is comfortable interacting with crowds of park visitors.

As an Alcatraz intern, you will get to:

- Learn about Alcatraz history, seabirds, and the gardens of Alcatraz
- Develop skills with public programs and pop-up programming on island

Details:

- **In-person Internship**
- **Full-time and Part-time Available**
- **Ferry to Alcatraz departs from Pier 33 Daily**



Muir Woods Visitor Services Interpretation Internship

Adrian Boone | Interpretation Park Ranger

Have you ever thought about being a Park Ranger, working outdoors educating the public in conservation, natural resources, and public speaking?

- Helping visitors plan their trip, working with local community groups doing volunteer projects, and introducing urban audiences to our national parks?
- Swearing in Junior Rangers
- Conducting 15-minute ranger talks covering ecology, history, and cultural resources
- In-Person Internship
- Full-time
- Muir Woods National Monument, Mill Valley, Marin County.

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Fort Point Visitors Services Internship

Erick Cortes | Acting Interpretation Supervisor

Why the Southern Areas (SOAR)?

The southern areas is the largest site to interpret, geographically. As a result, it houses a wide diversity of natural and cultural interpretive opportunities. (i.e. Crabbing/fishing programs, Buffalo Soldiers programs, Japanese Exclusion act interpretation, guided nature hikes, astronomy programs, historical reenactments, and much more!)

SOAR Interpretation Interns will:

- Staff a variety of locations (Fort Point, Presidio Visitor Center, Lands End)
- Deliver a variety of interpretive programs to the public
- Interact with Jr Rangers

Benefits to working with the SOAR Team:

- Join a team of rangers who have been interns, rangers who will mentor you and put your Individual growth first
- "Imma keep it a buck the SOAR team got motion, they gonna let you cook fs"- Ranger Alejandro



Application Process and Next Steps

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW – Due March 16 at midnight!

See available positions on our website:

parksconservancy.org/internships/academic-internship-program

SUBMIT online application form
(cover letter & resume optional)



Thank You!

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