

Position/Title: Coastal Classroom College Intern (7-8 weeks, 20-28 hrs/week)
Start Date: End of June 2023
Contact: Send resume and cover letter to [education\[at\]cityparksfoundation.org](mailto:education[at]cityparksfoundation.org)

ABOUT CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to offer programs in public parks throughout the five boroughs of New York City. At CPF, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community development, and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs and community building initiatives -- located in more than 350 parks, recreation centers, and public schools across New York City -- reach 425,000 people each year.

- We present the largest free, outdoor performing arts festival in NYC through SummerStage, presenting artists of the highest quality across multiple disciplines and genres, and marionette puppet theater in all five boroughs with our Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre and the roving PuppetMobile.
- Partnerships for Parks, a public-private program of City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks, supports and champions a growing network of leaders who care and advocate for the transformation of their neighborhood parks.
- We connect youngsters to nature in the urban environment with education programs that provide learning experiences through classroom and hands-on activities in parks, urban forests, coastal areas, gardens, and recreation centers.
- Free golf, tennis, track & field, soccer, and fitness programs bring high-quality instruction and equipment into areas where few organized athletic opportunities exist. We offer leveled training, year-round scholarship coaching, and special pro events.

Our ethos is simple: *we believe thriving parks reflect thriving communities.*

POSITION SUMMARY

City Parks Learn has operated interdisciplinary environmental education programs in schools and parks since 1992. *Coastal Classroom* focuses on coastal ecology, water quality, urban waterfront restoration and preservation in shoreline parks in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and the Bronx. *Coastal Classroom* offers multi-session programs for summer camp organizations, community based organizations and other youth summer groups. Through site specific inquiry-based lessons, we provide stimulating and meaningful learning experiences for a range of community members.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

City Parks Foundation (CPF) seeks a College Intern to assist Coastal Classroom Staff in providing instruction and guidance to middle school students and paid high school interns under the supervision of the Coastal Classroom Program Manager. The successful candidate will have a strong knowledge base in aquatic ecosystems and shoreline ecology as well as at least one year experience in delivering instruction to and working with adolescents in an educational setting. Training for his position will take place during the afternoons in the last couple weeks of June and the position will run July 6th to August 15th. COVID safety

protocols will be in place for this year and all staff will be required to wear a mask at all times while working, keep social distance and assist to enforce the same amongst the students.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Directly support and assist program manager and seasonal educator, primarily on site.
- Deliver sequential, developmentally appropriate lessons for diverse participants, primarily middle school youth.
- Help facilitate the seamless implementation of field activities, and support the lead marine educator and program director's communications with Parks personnel and community members.
- Provide logistical support and complete general administrative duties, as needed.
- Assist with data collection and recordkeeping.
- Help maintain, repair and protect boats, tools and equipment, including waders, nets, buckets, water quality kits and other gear.
- Requires quick setup and breakdown time, including moving heavy equipment (boats, waders, nets, moving cart) and other physically arduous tasks.

REQUIREMENTS

- Enrollment in a Bachelor's Degree or anticipated degree program in Education, Marine Ecology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or related field.
- Interest in working with diverse students, especially middle school youth from low-income communities.
- Knowledge of science education, marine ecology, marine biology, environmental science, or related field, or pursuit of a degree in one or more of these areas of study.
- Basic knowledge of marine ecosystems, marine life, data collection, and data analysis.
- Lifeguard Certification a plus
- Non-motorized boating experience a plus
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team essential.
- Versatility, resourcefulness and creativity required (contagious enthusiasm would be great).
- Willingness to work outdoors from June-August in hot/sometimes uncomfortable weather conditions (manual labor necessary).

WORKING FOR CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

This position will be working primarily from Kaiser Park in Coney Island, Brooklyn, a Catalyst site for Partnerships for Parks, a division of City Parks Foundation. A few hours for administrative duties will be required at our education offices located at 1234 Fifth Avenue in Central Park's beautiful Arsenal North building. This part-time, seasonal position offers no benefits. City Parks Foundation is a collegial, mission-focused organization that values its employees and encourages professional growth and advancement.

CONTACT

Interested parties should email cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to:
Education[at]cityparksfoundation.org. Put title of position in subject header.

Thank you for your interest in City Parks Foundation, an equal opportunity employer. Only potential candidates will be contacted. No calls, please.