

Citywide Monuments Conservation Program

NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

The Arsenal

Central Park

New York, New York 10065

## CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

# Summer 2018

The NYC Parks Citywide Monuments Conservation Program seeks qualified candidates for the 2018 summer field season. These are 40 hour a week paid positions, Monday through Friday beginning Monday June 4th through Friday August 10th, 2018 with the possibility of a short extension. This is an excellent opportunity to learn outdoor sculpture conservation with an experienced conservator in an award-winning program in New York City.

Citywide Monuments Conservation Program conserves and maintains public works of art throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Program participants will gain knowledge of the breadth of the public sculpture collection, its history and conservation needs. The interns will carry out conservation and maintenance treatments on prominent public sculptures and monuments alongside our Senior Monuments Conservator. Participants will receive training in photo-documentation, condition assessments, material analysis, and report preparation. In addition, interns will learn and perform conservation treatments including repairing, cleaning, and coating metals; bronze patination; masonry repair; mortar analysis, replication, and repointing; and tool and materials training.

The season will include trips to related institutions and businesses such as a bronze foundry, stone quarry, museum labs, practicing conservators and artists’ studios. Since 1997 our program has offered intensive hands-on experience working with a large, widely varied public art collection in a dense urban environment. Past participants currently serve professionally with the Metropolitan Museum, National Park Service, Brooklyn Museum, and National Gallery, as well as many other institutional and private practice settings. Preference will be given to students currently enrolled in graduate programs and recent graduates in objects conservation, historic preservation, or fine art. Candidates must be able to work outdoors, be comfortable handling power tools and equipment, and not fear heights, as projects often require work in a lift or on scaffolding.

These positions are only open to US citizens.

**Please email cover letter and resume by Friday, February 23rd, 2018 to:**

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Subject: Monuments Technician Position

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply early.