



Presidio Trust

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Presidio of San Francisco, Full-time, 10-12 months, Housing + Stipend

Title: Ecological Restoration Intern
Department: Natural Resources
Mentor: Presidio Trust Biological Science Technician

POSITION OVERVIEW

Are you interested in exploring a career in ecological restoration, plant conservation, or natural resources management? Are you excited to connect with nature and do vigorous work in an outdoor setting? Are you interested in working with diverse audiences and sharing your passion for the environment with volunteers and other park visitors?

Over the course of this internship with the Presidio Trust, you will work closely with and be mentored by a Biological Science Technician. You will be introduced to many aspects of habitat restoration, including managing invasive plants, planting native plants, and monitoring rare and endangered species in a unique urban national park. You will also gain valuable experience in developing and running volunteer programs for youth, adults, school groups, corporate groups, and community organizations. Interns also have the opportunity to build a strong professional network, as well as benefit from considerable formal and on the job training.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

- Acquire knowledge of local plants, animals and restoration practices through active participation in trainings over the course of the internship
- Participate in and lead often repetitive field restoration activities such as:
 - Removing invasive plants
 - Planting native plants
 - Monitoring restoration progress
- Maintain and enter records of work performed into database
- Help with all aspects of managing a volunteer program, including:
 - Planning and leading projects for volunteer workdays
 - Preparing, setting-up, and cleaning up snacks and refreshments
 - Assisting in educating volunteers and visitors about local ecology and park issues
 - Maintaining the volunteer database and reporting on volunteer participation
 - Maintaining program tools, facilities, and equipment

DESIRED KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

- Love of the outdoors and curiosity about ecological restoration
- Desire to work with a diverse group of people with different backgrounds, ethnicities, genders, sexualities, ages, and viewpoints
- Enjoy writing newsletter articles, taking photos and videos
- Ability to work well within a team, as well as independently, with minimal supervision
- Excited to take initiative

- Strong organizational skills
- Basic computer proficiency
- A positive attitude under difficult work conditions

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

- The position requires often long periods of standing, walking, climbing, lifting and carrying heavy objects repeatedly
- Work is predominantly performed outdoors and in all weather conditions, and may include exposure to poison oak and stinging insects
- Ability to perform repetitive tasks, such as weeding, planting, and conducting plant censuses
- Indoor work is performed in a typical office setting
- The intern will be required to drive and be a passenger in a motor vehicle. Selected candidates will be required to provide a photocopy of their current valid State driver's license.

TERMS

The position is considered volunteer and is part of the Presidio Trust's Volunteer Program. Successful applicants are required to sign the Presidio Trust's Volunteer Agreement.

- **Application Deadline:** Open until filled
- **Start Date:** January 2018
- **Length of Position:** 10-12 months
- **Schedule:** 40 hours per week, Tuesday-Saturday or a Sunday-Thursday schedule with flexibility including occasional holidays and evenings.
- **Stipend:** \$300 every two weeks
- **Transportation Benefit:** \$50 monthly parking permits for car owners or \$50/month for non-car owners
- **Housing:** Interns are provided a single occupancy (one person) room in dormitory-style housing in the Presidio with basic accommodations including a furnished private room, shared kitchen and common areas. Interns must sign a housing contract, abide by the residential rules and contribute to the maintenance of the household. Interns must reside in the housing provided to be eligible for the internship. We cannot accept non-residential interns.
- **Other Requirements:** Must be a US citizen and at least 21 years old; must possess a valid State driver's license

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Gain an understanding of the fundamentals of ecological restoration through practical hands-on experience.
- Develop leadership and public speaking skills
- Receive training in identifying local plants, including use of a dichotomous key
- Receive training in performing nesting bird surveys in compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918
- Opportunity to live in and enjoy the scenery, wildlife and cultural resources of a spectacular National Park
- Opportunities to participate in work swaps with interns in other departments and organizations within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

TO APPLY

Please email your resume, a thoughtful cover letter, and contact information (including full name, title, phone number and email address) for at least two references by email to interns@presidiotrust.gov. PDF format is preferred but Microsoft Word versions are acceptable.

The Presidio Trust is dedicated to representing the community it serves. We encourage candidates that will bring diversity to the Trust to apply.

ABOUT THE PRESIDIO

Guardian of the Golden Gate for more than 200 years, the Presidio endures as a place of service and possibility. Now a distinctive part of the national park system, this magnificent American landmark invites visitors to be inspired by its beauty and to participate in a variety of programs that draw on its history and natural resources. The Presidio is also home to a vibrant community of people who work and live in the park. The Presidio is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, one of the world's most extensive national parks in an urban setting, spanning over 80,000 acres on both sides of San Francisco's Golden Gate.

The Presidio Trust is an innovative federal agency created to save the Presidio and transform it for a new national purpose. The Trust's vision is that the Presidio will be forever a public place: vital to the Bay Area, important to all Americans, and recognized for achieving broad benefits for the nation. To learn more, visit www.presidio.gov.