



Public Design Commission

Position Title: Public Design Commission Intern

Job ID Number: 48233

Education Level: Undergraduate or Graduate

The Public Design Commission is seeking an intern to assist with the PDC's review of projects and implementation of special initiatives that advocate for excellence and innovation in the public realm.

The Agency You'll Join:

The NYC Mayor's Office administers all city services, public property, most public agencies, and enforces all city, state, and federal laws within New York City. New York City's Mayor, Eric Adams is head of the executive branch of New York City's government. Mayor Adams has served the people of New York City as an NYPD officer, State Senator, and Brooklyn Borough President. The Adams' Administration is leading the fight to make New York City's economy stronger, reduce inequality, improve public safety, and build a stronger, healthier city that delivers for all New Yorkers. As an agency, we value fairness, helpfulness, transparency, leadership and build our teams around these values. For current job opportunities visit our [careers page](#).

The Team You'll Work With:

Established in 1898, the Public Design Commission reviews architecture, landscape architecture, and works of art on City-owned property. Projects include construction or restoration of structures, such as libraries, fire stations, and bridges; creation or renovation of parks, playgrounds, and plazas; installation of lighting and other streetscape elements; and the design, installation, and conservation of artwork. The Commission holds monthly hearings to review projects, which are primarily submitted by City agencies. There are 11 Commissioners, who serve pro bono, and five full-time staff members. The Commission also acts as caretaker and curator of the City's public art collection and maintains an extensive archive documenting the history of New York City's public works, which is frequently used by historians, students, and other City agencies. The Commission is an advocate for excellence and innovation in the public realm, ensuring the viability and quality of public programs and services throughout the city for years to come.

The Problems You'll Solve

The internship will provide exposure to civic design excellence and the PDC's review of projects. The intern will work directly with a PDC Staff member, and under their guidance, assist with special initiatives such as the Annual Design Awards, PDC Project Review Roadmap, Visualization of Design Values, and PDC resource updates. The ideal candidate is interested in civic design and architecture, art, and culture. They are curious, detail oriented and organized. They will be involved in a wide variety of tasks and be exposed to the Public Design Commission's wide purview over capital projects built on city land.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Under general direction, assist with the management of Public Design Commission’s review of projects and special initiatives.
- Assists the Executive Director, and/or senior staff with giving and creating presentations and organizing industry stakeholder conversations.
- Helps compile materials and produce graphic and written deliverables for public design initiatives and reports.
- Assist in the production of support materials for meetings and functions, events, and any required logistics.
- Assist in administration and logistics for the PDC monthly review meetings, interfacing with the public, managing audio-visual equipment, and general event responsibilities.

About You

- Bachelor’s Degree and 3+ years of experience
- Graduate Degree in relevant field is preferred, but not required, and may be replaced for years of experience.
- Outstanding organizational, time-management and multi-tasking skills, including the ability to take initiative, prioritize duties, work independently, and work well under pressure.
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, MS Outlook/MS Teams, Power Point
- Knowledge of graphic Adobe Software such as Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop *preferred, but not required.*
- Experience within the Design Industry *preferred, but not required.*
- College Student candidates must be enrolled and registered student accumulating credits. Matriculation at an accredited college or graduate school. Employment is conditioned upon continuance as a student in a college or graduate school.

Salary

Undergraduate College Students: \$17 per hour

Graduate Students: \$18 per hour

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