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Organizational Overview:
Fairmount Park Conservancy exists to champion Philadelphia’s parks. We lead capital projects and historic preservation efforts, foster neighborhood park stewardship, attract and leverage investments, and develop innovative programs throughout the 10,200 acres that include Fairmount Park and more than 100 neighborhood parks around the city.

Position Overview:
Fairmount Park Conservancy is seeking a Conservation Intern. With assistance from the Director of Conservation and Conservation Supervisor, the Conservation Intern will be responsible executing conservation projects for Fairmount Park Conservancy. This position will experience hands on conservation and restoration work and routinely work in the field alongside fellow conservation staff.

The Conservation Intern will report directly to the Conservation Technicians as part of Fairmount Park Conservancy’s Places team.

Responsibilities:
Duties broadly focus on the execution of repairs on historic buildings with a focus on wood, windows and masonry.

Specific job responsibilities include:

- Perform preservation field work that maintains high company standards, primarily focusing on completing projects assigned to this position
- Performing in-house work primarily on window repair, glazing and preparation for installation
- Communicating project information to co-workers and clients.
- Support fellow conservation staff relating to all open projects
- Participate in community outreach programs that focus on familiarizing participants in practicable preservation techniques and basic preservation philosophies

The Conservation Intern position is a full-time (40 hour work week), temporary position (3 months or 6 months). The salary is commensurate with experience and does not include employer-paid health insurance, paid holidays and vacation time.

Physical Requirements:
- Must be able to repeatedly lift forty pounds
- Must be able to endure repeated lifting, twisting and bending up to 90 degrees and any direction
- Must be able to handle and work from ladders up to 30’ and scaffolding
- Must be able to work in a conservation environment which may include exposure and handling of chemicals and materials found in the building trades and with historic structures

Qualifications:
- Desired experience includes hands-on woodworking experience or the equivalent trade education, and a general understanding of preservation philosophy.
- Must be able to communicate effectively
- Must bring a proactive, result oriented approach to problem solving
- Must be self-motivated with the ability to collaborate successfully in a team environment;
- Preference will be given to candidates with experience in the building trades or related fields
Compensation:
The Conservancy will compensate successful interns a stipend of $550 per term. Alternately, the Conservancy will work with universities offering work study benefits to document the intern’s experience.

Anti-Discrimination Policy:
The Fairmount Park Conservancy does not discriminate based on ethnicity, race, gender or sexual orientation and encourages all qualified individuals to apply.

To Apply:
Thank you for your interest in the Fairmount Park Conservancy. Please prepare a formal letter of interest, resume, three work related references, and salary requirements as either PDF or Word documents and submit at https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d250369117dd488baa22a899d5c26268.

Please, no phone calls or mailed applications. **Deadline for application is MAY 31, 2021.** Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. Interviews will be rolling.