



Summer Internship Opportunities 2021

Friends of the Public Garden is one of the oldest parks advocacy groups in the nation, established in 1970 to support the ongoing care of the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. We work in partnership with the City of Boston and its Parks and Recreation Department, investing more than \$2 million annually to ensure the parks remain healthy and vibrant spaces for our community. Our work focuses on the expert care of trees, turf, and plantings, the maintenance and restoration of sculptures and fountains, and advocacy to protect the parks for generations to come.

The Friends Internship Program seeks to create opportunities for students traditionally underrepresented in the fields of greenspace management, landscape design, public art, and sculpture conservation. This summer, Friends of the Public Garden is excited to offer two paid 8-week internships for college students.

Public Art Intern

The Friends oversees the care and maintenance of 42 statues, fountains, and commemorative plaques in our three parks. Working under the supervision of our Collections Care Manager and with our Director of Communications & Outreach, the Public Art Intern will continue research on a designated group of sculptures to understand the history of the statue and how it fits into park design and the city's history. The Intern will also research and document efforts from other cities that are experimenting with alternative forms of commemoration to lift up untold stories and engage a broader public dialogue about commemoration. This research will provide context for future investigation and conversation about monuments. A background or strong interest in history, art history, or journalism will be helpful. The internship experience will provide exposure to all facets of the Friends work.

Qualifications & Skills

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate course of study
- Ability to physically visit the parks, as well as work remotely
- Experience with Microsoft Office
- Strong research and writing skills (a writing sample will be required)
- Ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively
- Willingness to engage with the public, as well as colleagues

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TO APPLY: Interested candidates should forward a resume and cover letter to **opportunities@friendsofthepublicgarden.org** . No phone calls, please. Applicants to the Public Art Internship should include a writing sample in addition to their cover letter.