

## **Patel Conservatory Summer Theater Internship FAQ's**

### **Q. What are the requirements for the internship?**

*A. Applicants must be actively enrolled at a university, seeking a degree in the performing arts and have completed their sophomore year of college. First year graduates will be accepted into the program. Applicants must also have a strong interest in theater education, the direction of youth theater productions and/or technical theater. Summer applicants must be able to commit to 40 hours per week for 12 consecutive weeks between June and August. Additional physical requirements can be found on the official internship position description. All interns must be at least 18 years or older and successfully complete a criminal background check before beginning their internship.*

### **Q. What is the application and interview process?**

*A. Applicants complete an online application which includes submission of a resume to the Patel Conservatory theater department. A theater department staff member conducts in-person interviews with qualified candidates. Selections are made and interns are notified via email and phone. All interns must pass a background check. Rolling interviews are conducted during the SETC job fair.*

### **Q. How many interns do you hire?**

*A. This depends on the needs for a particular summer session. Anywhere from 3-4 summer interns have been utilized in the past, depending on projects and support required.*

### **Q. What are my parking options if I choose to bring a car?**

*A. There are a variety of cost-effective downtown parking options within walking distance of the Patel Conservatory. Metered spots on Doyle Carlton Drive are \$0.25 per hour and free after 6 pm and on the weekends. Free four-hour parking can be found on Doyle Carlton Drive beyond the metered spots. Free daily parking spots are located at the north end of the Tampa Riverwalk near Waterworks Park.*

### **Q. What city transportation options does Tampa offer?**

*A. Traveling within Hillsborough County is easy by taking the local bus service. HART (bus service) covers an area of approximately 1000 sq. miles with a fleet of almost 200 buses. The Tampa Downtowner offers free rides from anywhere in Downtown Tampa seven days a week. The Downtowner is a fast and eco-friendly lift around town. Get free, on-demand rides at the tap of a button by downloading their free mobile app. Coast Bikes are designed for short trips around town, typically between one and three miles. With 300+ bikes at 30+ stations in and around the city, Coast is always a convenient and healthy way to explore Tampa and St. Pete.*

### **Q. Is housing provided?**

*A. While the Patel Conservatory doesn't provide housing, we offer a competitive living allowance that factors in the cost of room rent in the Tampa Bay area. Past interns have split rent on a home, lived with family, or found an individual room for rent.*

### **Q. Do you hire former interns?**

*A. Yes, several of our past interns have been hired as adjunct theater instructors for our outreach programming. A healthy amount of Straz Center interns have worked their way up to a full-time position, including theater faculty member, Sarah Berland.*

**Q. Will any of my meals be provided?**

*A. Select meals may be provided during production weeks, but are not guaranteed. The Patel Conservatory has a staff kitchen on the second floor complete with a full-size refrigerator, microwave, Keurig machine, convection oven, and a sink with garbage disposal. The Straz Center offers several food options for purchase in the evenings, including the Steam Heat coffee shop, open Tuesday-Sunday from 9:00 am-11:00 pm.*

**Q. What will my onboarding and training process entail?**

*A. All interns are required to complete a boundaries training before working with Patel Conservatory students. In addition, interns will participate in various workshops and observation sessions during their first week of camp.*

**Q. What is the living allowance and how will it be distributed?**

*A. Summer interns receive a weekly living allowance of two hundred dollars, distributed at the close of each business week. Checks are delivered in-person by the Theater Department Managing Director or Administrator. A pro-rated amount is offered during shortened training weeks and is based on number of days worked within the five-day, forty-hour work week.*

**Q. How early should I arrive before the camp day begins?**

*A. We recommend arriving fifteen to thirty minutes before your shift begins. Parking downtown usually requires an additional five to ten minutes.*

**Q. Can I hold a second job while working as an intern?**

*A. Yes, our typical intern schedule doesn't include most weekday evenings or Sundays. You may be asked to work the weekend based on a specific production's performance schedule. Interns have held part-time jobs at restaurants during past summers.*

**Q. Are there any performance opportunities for interns?**

*A. Interns are encouraged to take an adult class, free of charge, during the summer. Interns who participate in an open dance class will be able to perform in Evening of Dance at the end of the summer. Select performance opportunities with the Showstoppers: Broadway Intensive may be available at the conclusion of the program.*

**Q. What does a typical camp day look like?**

*A. Our camp week runs Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm (excluding Memorial & Independence Day). Summer theater interns will receive a customized schedule prior to their arrival in Tampa, detailing their tentative summer schedule.*

**Q. Will I be able to experience a performance at the Straz Center during the summer?**

*A. Interns are granted free access into all Patel Conservatory productions and events during the summer session. In the past, we have been able to offer free tickets to one or more of our Straz Center Broadway summer season shows.*