



## 2013 Internship *Hindu Community Liaison*

### Project Mission

NPS hopes to continue to dialogue and exchange information with the Hindu community surrounding Jamaica Bay working with a young adult member of the Hindu community from the park's neighboring communities. The Hindu Community Liaison Intern will work with our Interpretation staff and Hindu religious leaders, to foster among the Hindu community, stewardship of Jamaica Bay's ecological resources that have been impacted by the Hindu community's ceremonial practices on park land.

### Description

Through a 12-week internship at Gateway's Jamaica Bay Unit, the intern will acquire first-hand knowledge of the ecological processes at work in the park waters and wetlands that provide critical habitat for threatened plant and animal species and ecosystem services to the surrounding communities through exposure to the NPS mission and participation in resource management and ongoing scientific research within the park. The intern will work with park staff to conduct field observation and research ways that humans, plants and animals intersect with and depend on the waters of Jamaica Bay. He/she will assist with presenting a variety of interpretive programs about Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge to the Hindu community. A mandatory week-long training will take place at either Grand Tetons National Park (the week of March 4) or Great Smoky Mountains National Park (the week of March 11.)

### Requirements

- Good communication skills
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to work outdoors in changing weather conditions and on uneven terrain
- Applicants must be current college students between 18 and 25 years of age, and U.S. citizens.

### Commitment

- Outgoing and curious nature
- Strong writing skills
- Computer and library research skills
- Creative thinker

### To apply:

Intern will be hired under the NPS Academy program through Student Conservation Association. Information about this program and a link to apply can be found at <http://www.thesca.org/serve/internships/special-programs/national-park-service-academy>.