

Nevada Northern Railway Museum
JOB POSTING

POSTING DATE: February 25, 2023
JOB TITLE: Public Astronomy Education and Interpretation Intern
DIVISION: Operations
STATUS: 1 Full-Time, Seasonal, Hourly Position
CLOSING DATE: Resumes or applications accepted until position is filled
APPLICATION: Download at <https://www.nnry.com/pages/openings.php>

General

The intern will be assisting with night sky programming on our astro-tourism trains: the Great Basin Star Train and Sunset, Stars and Champagne Train. Our Great Basin Star Train was featured on CBS This Morning <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nevadas-great-basin-star-train-american-wonders/>. During these night programs, the intern will be responsible for connecting the public to the night sky, enforcing safety guidelines to conduct successful programs, and directing visitors to safely use telescopes to view night sky objects.

Supervision Received

Employee will work under the general supervision of the Superintendent and or the Trainmaster.

Essential Functions

As part of their duties, the intern will be responsible for:

- Assisting in various special programs including Star Trains and Sunset, Stars and Champagne Trains.
- Assisting the staff with various projects to better the astronomy programming at Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark.
- Using public speaking skills to connect visitors to astronomy.
- Individually conducting tours of Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark. Tours last about 60 minutes, during these tours the intern will be responsible for the safety and education of visitors.

Marginal Functions

- If desired by intern (and scheduling allows) the intern may be qualified as a railroad brakeman on the Nevada Northern Railway.
- On an as needed basis, posting on social media for the Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark.

Minimum Qualifications

- Education and Experience: Graduation from high school or GED. Astronomy interpretation experience is required.
- Must have a valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Experience in operating and troubleshooting telescopes with Go-To technology, knowledge of night skies, deep space objects, and public speaking skills.
- Must be able to pass a drug test.

Housing:

Housing is available and will be provided at no cost to the participant. Intern housing may be a private or shared room in the NN Ry bunkhouse with shared kitchen, living, dining, and bathroom facilities. The intern will need to bring bedding, towels, and toiletries. Housing is within walking distance of the duty station.

Work Environment:

Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark is very remote at 6,500 ft with varying weather conditions, with high temps into the 90s and lows into 30s. The closest big city with air service is either Salt Lake City or Las Vegas. They are 240 miles from Ely. Ely is a small city with grocery stores, restaurants, hotels and motels. There is a hospital and DMV.

Intern will need to be able to lift 60-pound telescopes safely without hurting themselves or damaging the telescope. Intern will be spending long periods in the sun and out at night standing and operating telescopes. The intern will also be in train service too.

Tasks require a variety of physical activities periodically involving muscular strain. Physical activity and demands are frequently related to walking, standing, stooping, climbing, sitting, lifting and reaching. Talking, hearing, and seeing is essential to job performance. Mental application utilizes memory for details, emotional stability, discriminating thinking and creative problem solving common to most job functions. Periodic local travel required in course of performing portions of job functions. Incumbent may be exposed to seasonal weather extremes, various chemicals, solvents and fuels in the performance of day-to-day tasks.

Salary

This is season position, ideally the intern would be available from June until mid-September. Workweek is 40 hours and will consist of working most weekends and holidays. The workday can vary from 3:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. There is a weekly stipend of \$600. Housing in the bunkhouse is provided at no cost. There is a \$500 moving allowance.

Applying

Letters of interest, resume and a completed Nevada Northern Railway Employment Application (available at <https://www.nnry.com/pages/openings.php>). Letters, resumes and completed Nevada Northern Railway Employment Application can be mailed to Mark S. Bassett, Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, PO Box 150040, Ely NV 89315 or e-mailed to employment@nnry.com, in the subject line please put Astronomy Intern