



**Internship Title:** DISCOVERY THEATER TECHNICAL INTERN

**About TSA:** **The Smithsonian Associates** advances the Institution's mission "to increase and diffuse knowledge" through life-enriching educational and cultural experiences inspired by the Smithsonian's research and collections for DC-region students, families, and adults, and for learning communities nationwide.  
**Discovery Theater** - The Smithsonian's Discovery Theater is dedicated to offering the best in live performance for young people that celebrate the rich diversity of our region and our world. Each season we tap into the vast resources of the Smithsonian Institution to present relevant, culturally accurate entertaining programs. We offer dozens of interactive productions that feature puppets, storytellers, dancers, actors, musicians, and even mimes!

**Intern Duties:**

- Assist with various aspects of the technical side of theater.
- Throughout the semester, there will be opportunities to learn and assist in some of the following areas: stage management, assistant direction, sound, lighting, props & costumes.
- Intern will participate actively in running and preparing for both produced and presented shows for Discovery Theater.
- May also be called on to assist in office duties, daily operations, artist communication, and hospitality.

**Professional Development Opportunities:**

- The tech intern will receive basic knowledge of how the technical aspects of a theater work as well as insight into the administrative side of technical theater.
- Possible training that may be offered includes SFX, sound & light boards, basic sound editing, sound and lighting design.

**Qualifications:**

- Some experience and a desire to learn more about Technical Theater.
- Applicants should be flexible, creative, a team player, reliable, and have a good work ethic.
- Willingness to help load artists in/out and setup/tear down stage and seating.
- Computer skills are welcome.

**Seasons:** Spring (Jan – May), Summer (Jun – July) & Fall (Sept - Dec)

**Time Commitment:** 30 - 40 hrs/week; 1 full semester – 1 academic year. Part-time availability will also be considered.

**Schedule:** Weekdays with an occasional weekend day or evening

**Supervisors:** David Paige, Discovery Theater Technician

**Compensation:** All TSA Internships are unpaid and housing is not provided. College credit may be granted, but must be coordinated in advance with the intern's university/college.

**Location:** S. Dillon Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

**Application Deadlines:** Spring – October 1  
Summer – February 1  
Fall – July 1

**To Apply:** Complete the online application at <http://intern.si.edu/>. Click on the link for the *Smithsonian Online Academic Appointment System (SOLAA)*. Questions can be directed to the Intern Coordinator at [TSAInternships@si.edu](mailto:TSAInternships@si.edu) or 202.633.8641.