

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

Griffith Observatory
2800 East Observatory Road
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Astronomical Lecturer

Salary: \$50,425.20 - \$62,640.00 per year

Position Overview: The Astronomical Lecturer at Griffith Observatory is a full-time, exempt employee of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks who provides significant assistance in the development and presentation of astronomical content for public and educational programs, exhibits, the Observatory website, and training of Observatory interpretive staff. The Astronomical Lecturer supports the Observatory's mission of public outreach and education about astronomy and related sciences by assisting in developing and implementing creative and exciting educational astronomical programs and content, for both children and adults, through a variety of methods (programming, lectures, exhibits, website, articles). In essence, the incumbent is focused on the development and delivery of content, both directly and through training of other members of the interpretive staff. The Astronomical Lecturer reports to the Curator of Griffith Observatory.

Available Hours: (M-F) 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Description of Duties: The Astronomical Lecturer is responsible for the following:

- Assists in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating innovative, creative, and effective educational astronomical programming for children, teachers, and adults at the Observatory;
- Serves as the lead programming staff member in monitoring, assessing, and updating the Observatory's astronomical exhibits, their specific content, and proposed changes;
- Formulates, prepares, delivers, and evaluates training for part-time interpretive staff regarding astronomical subjects, exhibit content, and building information;
- Provides significant input, guidance, and monitoring relative to changeable content presentation in exhibits, on the Observatory website, and in the school program;
- Assists in keeping the Observatory current on technical and creative trends, concepts, and methods in astronomical exhibits, public presentation, and interpretation;
- Reads and studies technical literature to maintain a current knowledge of developments in the field of astronomy and observation;
- Answers questions, emails, letters, and phone calls from the public relating to astronomy and public observation;
- May answer questions from the media on astronomical and programming events;
- Writes technical and popular articles on a variety of astronomical topics for

publication;

- Manages the proper organization and retrieval of the Observatory content resources;
- May represent the City and the Observatory at technical and professional meetings

Position Qualifications:

1. Successful completion of at least four years of study at a recognized four-year college or university with a major or specialization in Astronomy, Physics, Planetarium Science, or a related physical science; and
2. At least two years of paid professional experience in presenting scientific programs or lectures to the public.

A Bachelor's degree in Astronomy, Physics, Planetarium Science, or related physical science is very strongly desired, while a Master's Degree in the same fields is desired. At least four years of paid professional experience in presenting scientific programs or lectures to the public is desired. One additional year of education in astronomy may be substituted for each year of experience lacking. Additional experience in presenting scientific lectures or programs to the public may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for up to two years of the required education

Applications:

To apply for this position, send your resume to:

Lily Astorga
Human Resources Division
Department of Recreation and Parks
City of Los Angeles
1200 West 7th Street Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Fax Number 213-928-9210

Applications will be accepted until further notice. Candidates will be scheduled for an interview as soon as sufficient applications are received. This is a full-time, exempt employment opportunity with the City of Los Angeles.

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