



BCAPteen Photojournalism Internship 2019

Investigating the arts, nature, culture, and community through photojournalism.

About BCAPteen

Brooklyn Cultural Adventures Program (BCAP) is a partnership of six treasured cultural institutions in the heart of Brooklyn: Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Prospect Park Zoo, Prospect Park Alliance, and Brooklyn Children's Museum. Our programs include BCAP Summer Camp for ages 7-12 and BCAPteen for ages 14-17.

The 2018 BCAPteen program is a **2-week mini-internship** blending digital media & communications, personal & professional skills, and the arts through the lens of **photojournalism**. Teens may apply Feb 1 - March 15 for one of 27 spots in the program.

During their internship, BCAPteens learn about photography, complete visual storytelling assignments, develop an independent project, and create an online portfolio, alongside a cohort of eight peers. Assignments are focused on documenting BCAP Summer Camp in action. Independent projects are on a subject of the artist's choice, related to the BCAP Campus or theme. A photo from this project will be shared at a pop-up exhibition at Brooklyn Museum and month-long exhibition at Central Library. BCAPteen interns earn a stipend and volunteer hours, while building skills, expressing their creative interests, and having fun. The program's home base is BPL Central Library.

Who Should Apply

Teens ages 14-17 with...

- Enthusiasm for photography and an eye for taking pictures
- Interest in exploring six awesome cultural institutions in the heart of Brooklyn
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Professionalism, maturity, and good communication with kids, staff, and visitors
- Commitment to work hard and have fun for two weeks, Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm

How to Apply

Interested teens should complete an online application Feb 1 - March 15 at www.bklynlibrary.org/bcap/teen

Program Dates & Times

Dates: Two-week session in July or August

- Interns will be assigned ONE 2-week session
 - July 1-12 (No program July 4)
 - July 15-26
 - Or July 29-August 9
- Select your preferred dates in your application
- Plus orientation: Saturday, June 15th, 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM
- Full attendance in all program days and orientation are mandatory

Time: 9am-3:30pm

- Forty-minute lunch break

Location

BPL Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza & The BCAP Cultural Campus

BCAPteen's Home Base is BPL Central Library's Info Commons Learning Lab, with daily photo shoots at our five other partner institutions:

[Brooklyn Botanic Garden](#)

[Brooklyn Children's Museum](#)

[Brooklyn Museum](#)

[Prospect Park Alliance](#)

[Prospect Park Zoo](#)



Additional Benefits

- Earn up to 60 **volunteer hours**
- Earn a **stipend** of up to \$150 (ages 14+ only)
- Earn a **letter of recommendation**
- Build your **resume**, skills, and experience
- Be invited back as an **Alumni Peer Leader** in the school year and following summer
- Make **connections** to people and places that can offer you opportunities in the future
- Plus **fun and friends!**

Staff & Educators

- BCAPteen is coordinated and supervised by our [BCAP Summer Camp Directors](#) at BPL. Curriculum and daily activities are facilitated by an experienced, talented, and FUN educator who specializes in photography and working with teens, and a camp counselor/photo assistant. Photo shoots on campus take place alongside a small group of BCAPteens, camp groups, and a team of adult camp counselors.
- BCAP staff participate in a week of specialized training, including health & safety, positive community-building, bullying prevention, disabilities and inclusion, teambuilding strategies, curriculum development, and more. All staff undergo background and reference checks, and a selective application process.

Diversity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

- BCAP participants come from backgrounds as diverse as Brooklyn itself! All teens are welcome to apply. We build a sense of community centered on common interests, respect for differences, learning, and having fun. If you require any accommodations to complete your application, please let us know by emailing or calling using the contact info at the bottom of this document.

Expectations

Teens will...

- Bring enthusiasm, creativity, and positive energy to the program each day
- Have excellent attendance, and arrive each day on time
- Help make the program a great experience for all involved through respect, tolerance, inclusiveness, and kindness
- Challenge themselves to meet new people, learn new skills, find new interests, see new points of view, and have new experiences
- Take excellent care of program equipment and spaces
- Represent BCAP wherever they go with professional and polite behavior
- Meet high expectations for trust and responsibility
- Follow all instructions from program staff
- Follow all special rules and guidelines at our six partner institutions
- Work hard, have fun, and take the initiative to do something great with their summers!

Staff will...

- Create a fun, welcoming and safe environment, where teens feel comfortable trying new things, meeting new people, and sharing their skills, talents, and ideas
- Build a sense of community
- Consider teens' interests, and help guide them toward achieving personal goals
- Facilitate engaging lessons and activities each day that promote skill-building, personal development, and community engagement
- Have high expectations for all participants, and challenge teens to grow and achieve their goals
- Act as a responsible role model and mentor each and every day

Interaction with BCAP Summer Camp

BCAP Summer Camp is a 2-week day camp program for ages 7-12, running in three sessions during the same weeks as BCAPteen on the same campus of cultural institution. BCAP Summer Camp's home base is down the street at Brooklyn Museum. BCAPteens will interact with summer camp kids and counselors daily as they photograph the program. The two programs also get together at the end of each day at Brooklyn Museums for shout-outs and an afternoon snack; and on the last day of the program for our Closing Ceremonies and exhibition.

Daily Schedule

9:00-9:05	Sign in at BPL Info Commons
9:05-9:30	Morning meeting, daily inspiration activity, and review of the morning assignment
9:30-11:30	Morning photo shoot assignment / independent project on the BCAP Campus
11:30-12:30	Lunch and free time on campus (40 mins + travel time)
12:30-1:30	Photo editing, selection, critique, and archiving
1:30-2:30	Photography lesson
2:30-2:45	Afternoon meeting and introduction to the next day's assignment
2:45-3:30	Walk to Brooklyn Museum for a snack, shout outs, and dismissal

***Each day at BCAPteen will be a little bit different! Extra fun activities will be mixed in each week.**

Weekly Schedule

Orientation will be used to get to know each other, the BCAPteen program, and the BCAP Campus, and to learn some photojournalism basics. The first week of the program will focus on learning photography skills and completing assignments documenting BCAP Summer Camp. The second week will focus on developing an individual project of the artist's choice, portfolio development, and exhibition preparation, while continuing documentation of BCAP Summer Camp. The last day will include installing a photo exhibition at Brooklyn Museum in the morning, and closing ceremonies in the afternoon. Other fun activities—like water balloons and visits from professional photojournalists—will be added in throughout the two weeks!

Application, Interview, & Acceptance

- Apply: Feb 1 - March 15th online on the BCAPteen website: www.bklynlibrary.org/bcap/teen
- All applicants will receive a follow-up email within three business days. Check your email and junk mail!
- Select applicants will be invited for an interview. All applicants will be notified by March 19th.
- Interviews: Saturday, March 30 at BPL Central Library. (Save the date.)
- Final Notification: April 19th
- 27 teens will be selected to participate in summer 2019

Contact

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