

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



Griffith Observatory

2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Observatory Lecturer

Salary: \$32.50 per Hour

(The current salary range is subject to change. You may confirm the starting salary with the hiring department before accepting a job offer.)

Observatory Lecturers are part-time, at-will employees of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, who work at Griffith Observatory. The Observatory is open to the public 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m. on most weekdays (except Monday) and 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. on weekend days (Saturday-Sunday). This position requires the presentation of planetarium shows and other programs to the public and school children.

Available hours:

- Up to 5 to 15 hours per week based on the number of shows, and the employee's availability and ability. There is no minimum guarantee of the number of hours worked. Hours will vary.
- The Observatory is closed to the public on Mondays, although some performances of shows can be scheduled for special events on Mondays. Significant hours are required for rehearsal before being able to perform the show before a live audience and that time may include Mondays. Rehearsal time will be paid at the hourly rate.

Description of Duties:

- Presents scripted live programs in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, a 290-seat domed theater. The Observatory currently offers three different shows.
- May be required to deliver parts of the presentation from memory. The Observatory Lecturer must integrate the presentation seamlessly with fully-automated visual effects and music.
- May present live planetarium programs involving direct interaction with some planetarium equipment, including the Zeiss planetarium projector.
- May serve in a support capacity in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium to make introductory announcements, provide back-up for emergencies, and assist the presentation as needed.

Qualifications:

- Ability to memorize, understand and deliver in a live presentation complex information in an entertaining and dramatic manner;
- Possess an exceptional talent for relating to a live audience and for presenting information regarding astronomy, the night sky, history, ideas, art and myth;
- Ability to handle and use simple props included in the performance;
- Reliable, punctual, and able to follow and enforce Observatory theater policies;
- Excellent customer services skills and a willingness to work with the public.

To Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and link to voice-over work to:

Patrick So, Observatory Program Supervisor
(213) 473-0816 (fax) or golecturer01@gmail.com (email)

***PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS ABOUT THIS POSITION.**

Deadline date to apply:

Open until sufficient applications are received.

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