

# MUSEUM GUIDE

at

## GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks  
2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Museum Guides** bring astronomy and space to life! Guides provide astronomical information for visitors, explain our exhibits, and answer questions related to the Observatory, astronomy, space, and related sciences. Museum Guides are part-time, at-will employees of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, who work at Griffith Observatory.

**Griffith Observatory** has been a public service to people from across the region and around the world for 90 years. The building offers astronomical exhibits, amazing shows in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, public observing, and amazing views of the city, ocean, and Hollywood Sign. It is one of the highest-rated and highly-visited destinations in the region, and the most visited public observatory in the world. Admission to the building and grounds is always FREE!



**Salary:** \$21.50 per Hour

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

**Available hours:** Hours worked will vary each week

- 10-20 hours per week on average based on the Observatory's operating schedule, shift availability, and employee availability. There is no minimum guarantee of the number of hours scheduled or worked.
- Griffith Observatory is normally open to the public Tuesday-Friday (12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday-Sunday (10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.).
  - The Observatory is closed to the public on Mondays, although some activities and special event shifts may be scheduled for Mondays
  - The Observatory In-person School Program is conducted Wednesday-Friday (8:30-11:59 a.m.). The Online School Program is conducted Tuesday (7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.).

**Description of duties:** An Observatory Museum Guide

- Interprets astronomical information for the general public.
- Explains and safeguards exhibits related to observing, astronomy, and related sciences and answers questions related to the Observatory, astronomy, space, and related sciences.
- May be asked to run equipment in the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon Theater, and to start, stop, and introduce video programs in the theater.
- May provide astronomical information to, lead tours for, and provide presentations to school students participating in the Observatory's school programs.

**Qualifications:** Successful candidates will

- Have completed 12 semester units or 18 quarter units in a recognized college or university in the preferred fields of astronomy, astrophysics, physics, chemistry, geology, or biology. Units in architecture, history, zoology, or related fields may be considered.
  - Six months experience performing work in the above fields may be substituted for the required education.
  - Strong preference in hiring will be given to candidates interested and able to work shifts for the morning In-person or Online School Programs.
- Possess outstanding oral communications skills, excellent customer services skills, and a willingness to work with the public.

**To apply:** Email a cover letter and resume to:

- David Seidel, Interim Observatory Curator at [rap-OBSprogramming@lacity.org](mailto:rap-OBSprogramming@lacity.org)
  - The subject line of the email should say: "Museum Guide Application: Your Name"
- The deadline for applications is Friday, May 30, 2025.
- We are not able to accept any phone calls regarding this position.