

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



**Griffith Observatory**

2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Museum Guide**

**Salary: \$15.82 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 Museum Guides 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 weekdays (Tuesday-Friday) and 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on weekend days (Saturday-Sunday).

**Available hours:**

- 10 to 20 hours per week on average based on schedule and shift availability and the employee's availability and ability. Hours will vary.
- The Observatory is closed to the public on Mondays, but some activities and special events are scheduled for Mondays.
- The Observatory School Program is conducted most Wednesday – Friday mornings during the school year, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. School programs shifts are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Description of Duties:**

- Interprets astronomical information for the general public.
- Explains 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.
- Safeguards exhibits, and may be asked to open or close the facility.
- Selected Museum Guides provide astronomical information to, and lead tours for, school students participating in the Observatory School Program.

**Qualifications:**

- **12 semester-units or 18 quarter-units in a recognized college or university in Astronomy, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Zoology, Architecture, History, or related field. Working knowledge of astronomy preferred.**
- Six months experience working in the above fields may be substituted for education.
- Possess outstanding oral communications skills, excellent customer services skills, and a willingness to work with the public.

**To Apply:** Send cover letter and resume to: Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomical Lecturer  
[goguide01@gmail.com](mailto:goguide01@gmail.com) (PREFERRED) or 213-473-0816 (fax)

**Deadline date to apply:** Open until sufficient applications are received.

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