

THEATER TECHNICIAN

at

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

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

Theater Technicians immerse visitors in the night sky! They operate the Observatory's 290-seat Samuel Oschin Planetarium domed theater for live public planetarium shows and prepare and operate equipment (including projectors, sound, lighting, master controller, props) during public presentations. The Samuel Oschin Planetarium hosts 400,000 visitors and 27,000 school children annually. Theater Technicians are part-time, at-will employees of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, who work at Griffith Observatory, the most-visited public observatory in the world and one of Los Angeles's leading attractions.

Griffith Observatory operates for the public from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays (Tuesday-Friday) and from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekends (Saturday-Sunday). The Observatory is closed to the public on Mondays, although some performances of shows can be scheduled for special events on Mondays.



Salary: **\$25.00 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

- From 10 to 15 hours per week based on the number of shows scheduled, and the employee's availability and ability. There is no minimum guarantee of the number of hours scheduled or worked.

- Available hours may need to include weekends, evenings, and selected holidays.
- The Observatory's In-person School Program is conducted most Wednesday–Friday mornings (and occasional Tuesday mornings) during the school year. Shows in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium are an essential element of the school program.

Description of duties: An Observatory Theater Technician:

- Operates the 290-seat Samuel Oschin Planetarium domed theater at Griffith Observatory during public planetarium shows. Prepares and operates equipment (including projectors, sound, lighting, master controller, props) during public presentations.
 - Website: <https://griffithobservatory.org/exhibits/samuel-oschin-planetarium/>
- Coordinates all activities with the planetarium theater manager and the assigned Observatory Lecturer who is presenting the production live to the audience.
- Monitors equipment, stage, and patron areas of the theater to ensure patron safety.
- Tests and troubleshoots equipment and theater environment. Works with other technicians and operators, including outside vendors and experts, to make sure theater is operating.
- Prepares log reports regarding theater operation and any problems encountered.
- Operates and provides technical and program support for 185-seat Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon presentation theater, including use in the school program, public operation, and special events.
- 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.
- Performs established routine of detailed-oriented tasks on a regular basis

Qualifications: Successful candidates will be able to:

- Must have a high school education. Some college education is preferred.
- Must have 500 hours or more experience involving operation, use, maintenance, and troubleshooting of theatrical equipment, including computer systems, video equipment, audio and lighting, and prop equipment.
- A working knowledge of PC and Mac computers, Final Cut X, Dream Weaver, and Pro Tools is desirable.
- Must be reliable, punctual, a good communicator, and able to work under pressure and follow detailed procedures.

To apply: Send a cover letter and resume to:

- Patrick So, Observatory Program Supervisor at Patrick.So@lacity.org
 - The email subject line should say: "Theater Tech Application 2025: Your Name"
- We are not able to accept any phone calls regarding this position.