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Minerva Hoyt Internship in Joshua Tree

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The Minerva Hamilton Hoyt internship was created by the Pasadena Garden Club to honor one of its most esteemed and environmentally impactful members, Minerva Hamilton Hoyt, who is credited today for being most instrumental in the establishment of Joshua Tree National Park.

It is the goal of the internship to promote and “protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and actions in the fields of conservations and civic improvement.” This internship, which is managed by the Joshua Tree National Park Association, is awarded each year to a student

from Copper Mountain College majoring in Environmental Studies or General Sciences. Interns work under the supervision of Joshua Tree National Park employees in the Science and Resource Stewardship Division and perform fieldwork, data entry, information compilation, and scientific research.



Mural of Minerva Hoyt

Sukhmanpreet Kaur

The 2025 Minerva Hoyt Intern

Joshua Tree National Park Association is pleased to announce Sukhmanpreet Kaur as the 2025 Minerva Hamilton Hoyt Intern.

Sukhmanpreet, who graduated with distinction with a Bachelor of Medical Sciences from Guru

Nanak Dev University in Punjab, India, is passionate about protecting nature and conserving wildlife. “My goal is to conduct research and experiments in the field of biology to further explore and benefit both our environment and our world. Along with this, my dream is

to become a professor doing research to spread my knowledge to future students. This internship will help assist me toward that goal,” she said.

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