



SUMMER GARDEN INTERN

POSITION DESCRIPTION

We are looking for an enthusiastic, detail-oriented student who is pursuing a degree in horticulture and/or related plant science field. Ideal candidates will be resourceful, responsible, self-motivated and have a passion for their work and engaging with others. Primarily the intern will work with a horticulturist, rotating throughout the Garden, regularly working with groups of volunteers and other interns. This is a paid internship during the summer (May-August), for 40 hours per week.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Under the guidance of the Assistant Director of Horticulture assist in the planting, transplanting, pruning, composting, spraying, watering, weeding, mulching and support of IPM (integrated pest management) of existing annual and perennial beds throughout the Garden
2. Care for nursery stock and containerized bedding plants while in holding for installation
3. Assist with the turf maintenance of the Garden, including mowing and edging
4. Limited chemical pesticide application in accordance with all federal and state laws, regulations and safety policies
5. Assist in supervision of volunteers
6. Maintain a safe and friendly environment for Garden volunteers and visitors
7. Proper use and maintenance of basic landscape tools, including cleaning and safe storage
8. Operate hand/power tools, small machinery and vehicles (golf cart, mowers, tractors, tiller, etc.) in a safe way

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Second year or higher student seeking degree in horticulture and/or related plant science field
2. Complete tasks demonstrating attention to detail, accuracy and thoroughness
3. Dependable, reliable and team player
4. Ability to follow directions and motivate others to complete tasks safely, efficiently, and to a high standard of excellence
5. Self-motivated, organized, attentive to details, able to manage time effectively and execute tasks independently
6. Flexibility to work in an ever-changing environment with demonstrated ability to prioritize and juggle competing tasks
7. Knowledge of plants, their growth and cultural characteristics, ability to learn plants' horticultural requirements
8. Excellent working knowledge of plant identification
9. Must be physically able to stand, kneel, or walk for extended periods of time, lift up to 50 lbs. and work outside in all types of weather conditions
10. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to effectively communicate with staff, volunteers and public

SCHEDULED HOURS:

- Monday through Friday, 7:00am – 3:30pm
- Rotating weekends and occasional evenings, as needed

TO APPLY:

Email completed application with supporting documentation to Lindsay Hendricks at lhendricks@gbbg.org by March 1.