

## Position Description

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**Position Title: Internship – Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden**

**Department:** Education

**Reports directly to:** Buehler Enabling Garden Program Coordinator

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**Organizational Description:** Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre world-class paradise, featuring the flora and cultures of the tropics and subtropics between the latitudes of 26 degrees north and 26 degrees south, including Brazil, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Florida. The Garden's mission is to connect people and plants through display, education, conservation and science. The Garden's hands-on Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, along with 90-acres of beautifully restored native habitats, formal Gardens, walking trails, and Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden offer education and enjoyment for people of all ages. Naples Botanical Garden is a 501(c) 3 organization.

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**Position Summary:** Naples Botanical Garden is seeking an intern for the Buehler Enabling Garden. The Buehler Enabling Garden promotes gardening for visitors of all ages and abilities. It also serves to inspire and offer barrier-free access to the pleasures of the garden experience. The successful candidate will collaborate with Garden staff, volunteers and community partners to develop and deliver regionally and seasonally appropriate therapeutic programming for the garden's target audiences and assist in the daily horticultural and interpretational activities in the Buehler Enabling Garden. This paid position is full-time (40 hours/week) temporary for a minimum of 12 weeks or part-time temporary for an equivalent period.

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### Primary duties:

- Collaborate with Garden staff and volunteers in the day-to-day horticultural activities in the Buehler Enabling Garden.
  - Assist in the creation of programming for garden visitors and program participants, including the creation of task analyses for gardening duties, a guide to using accessible garden tools, and associated curriculum for classes, and informal interpretation and programming.
  - Research and report on therapeutic goals, desired outcomes, and programmatic themes in garden-based settings.
  - This position will have opportunities to work closely with Garden staff to learn regionally appropriate plants, sustainable horticulture techniques, and therapeutic horticulture principals.
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### Requirements of Internship:

The ideal candidate should:

- Be pursuing a degree in the field of horticulture, landscape architecture and/or design, therapy or a related field;
- Be highly motivated and organized with a strong work ethic;

- Be willing and able to work full days outdoors in a hot and humid environment;
- Possess a commitment to the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants with a demonstrated ability and interest in gardening;
- Possess excellent written and oral communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills; and
- Possess and maintain a valid Florida driver's license and have an acceptable driving record.

**A pre-employment background check is required.**

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**To Apply:** Please provide a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references by email to [resumes@naplesgarden.org](mailto:resumes@naplesgarden.org). Please include **Enabling Internship** in the subject line. To find out more about Naples Botanical Garden, please visit our website at [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org). Naples Botanical Garden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Garden has a long-standing policy of employment and advancement based solely upon qualifications to perform the essential elements of a position without regard to age, creed, gender, national origin or ancestry, race, color, religion, veteran status, pregnancy, marital status, HIV status, genetic information, sexual orientation, handicap or mental or physical disability.