



Position Description

Position Title: Horticulture Intern

Department: Horticulture

Reports to: Varies by Assignment

Organizational Description

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre world-class paradise, featuring the flora and cultures of the tropics and sub-tropics 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 interactive Smith Children's Garden, along with 90 acres of beautifully restored native habitats, formal Gardens, walking trails and public programming offer education and enjoyment for people of all ages. Naples Botanical Garden is a 501(c)3 organization.

Position Summary

The Summer Internship in Horticulture offers current or recent students an opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in horticulture. Depending on the candidate and the department's needs, the majority of the work may be focused on a single aspect of our department's activities, such as nursery and greenhouse maintenance, aquatic plant maintenance or orchid care. The internship is a paid full-time 12-week position that will provide students the opportunity to broaden their experience in the maintenance of plant collections in a public garden setting.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- General care and maintenance of plant collections, including but not limited to pruning, weeding, planting, propagating, irrigating, aquatic plant management and plant record keeping
- Assist Garden staff and volunteers in other horticultural activities as needed

Additional Responsibilities

- Participate in Garden-wide events, exhibitions and projects as required or needed
- Performs other duties as assigned and required
- Be highly motivated and organized with a strong work ethic and attention to detail

Requirements

- Be pursuing a degree in environmental education, horticulture, botany, biology or have an equivalent level of education and experience
- Highly organized and motivated with a strong work ethic
- Excellent communication skills, enthusiasm and a desire to learn
- Willingness and ability to work full days outdoors in a hot and humid environment and ability to lift and carry at least 35 pounds
- Possess a commitment to the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and holidays
- Must possess a valid U.S. driver's license and reliable transportation
- Will be required to undergo a background check prior to being hired

To Apply

Please provide a cover letter, resume and contact information for three references by email to resumes@naplesgarden.org. To find out more about Naples Botanical Garden, please visit our website at www.naplegarden.org. Naples Botanical Garden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Naples Botanical 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 race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin (ancestry), or disability.