



Naples Botanical Garden

Position Title: Natural Areas Intern

Department: Natural Areas

Reports to: Natural Areas Manager

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 Natural Areas Management at Naples Botanical Garden offers current or recent students an opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in land management for the conservation of plant diversity. The intern will work closely with the Conservation and Natural Areas teams across a wide range of projects managing 90 acres of conservation land with a variety of habitat types and created native habitats within the formal gardens. The internship opportunity is a paid full-time 12-week position that will provide students the opportunity to broaden their experience in natural areas management practices in a public garden setting.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Collaborate with the natural areas team in the management of 90-acres of conservation land and native plantings located at Naples Botanical Garden.
- Identify and assist in the eradication of invasive exotic plant species in conservation lands.
- Propagate native plants and assist in native plant nursery management.
- Collaborate across departments with the Horticulture, Conservation, and Education teams to further the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants.

Requirements

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, enthusiasm, and a desire to learn.
- Willingness and ability to work outdoors in a hot and humid environment.
- Possess a commitment to the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants.
- Ability to function effectively as a member of a team that includes staff and volunteers, as well as work independently to complete projects.
- Be highly motivated and organized with a strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Qualifications

- Be pursuing a degree in environmental education, horticulture, botany or have an equivalent level of education and experience
- Be willing and able to work full days outdoors in a hot and humid environment, able to lift and carry at least 35 pounds
- Possess experience working with plants
- Possess a working knowledge of MS Office software
- Background check required.

To Apply

Please provide a cover letter, resume and contact information for three references by email to employment@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.