



Naples Botanical Garden

Position Title: Conservation Intern

Department: Conservation

Reports to: Vice President of Conservation

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 Conservation at Naples Botanical Garden offers current or recent students an opportunity to gain valuable hands-on plant conservation experience. The intern will work closely with the Conservation and Natural Areas teams across a wide range of in-situ and ex-situ projects focusing on the flora of South Florida and the Caribbean region. The internship opportunity is a paid full-time 12-week position that will provide students the opportunity to broaden their experience in plant conservation practices in a public garden setting.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Collaborate with the plant conservation team on in-situ and ex-situ projects, including seed collection and processing, plant surveys, monitoring, plant propagation, and management of rare plant collections.
- Assist in record-keeping and data management, including data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Collaborate with partner organizations to identify plant conservation priorities.
- Cooperate across departments with the Horticulture, Natural Areas, and Education teams to further the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants.
- Perform a wide range of tasks outdoors.

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.