2015 Summer Horticulture Internships

Application Deadline: Monday, February 16, 2015

Opportunity:
The Arboretum at Penn State is offering three paid ($10/hour) summer horticulture internships for undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates (two years or less since graduation) interested in career paths in public horticulture. These are full-time (40 hour/week) positions with a 14-week term from May 11, 2015–August 14, 2015. Exact start and end dates are negotiable. For students who desire University credit for the internship (e.g., HORT 495), we will work with appropriate faculty members to develop a suitable program of study.

Experience:
This internship provides a hands-on introduction to horticultural and grounds management practices in a public garden setting. Interns work side by side with Arboretum staff to manage day-to-day garden operations throughout the summer growing season. Highlights include installation of the Arboretum’s summer floral display, supervision of volunteer groups, and skills training in the use of power tools and heavy equipment. Although most time will be occupied with daily garden maintenance, interns will receive exposure to other program components including arboriculture, IPM, volunteer management, garden administration, and education and outreach.

Qualifications:
Applicants should be enrolled in (or have completed) an academic degree program in Horticulture, Forest Science, Biology, Ecology, Environmental Resource Management, Landscape Architecture, Landscape Contracting, or related fields of study. Applicants should have strong oral communication skills, a demonstrated willingness to work in a team environment, and a strong work ethic. Highest preference will be given to candidates who have a demonstrable interest in public gardens and can explain how this opportunity will help them to reach their career goals. Previous experience in hands-on landscape maintenance will be considered an advantage. Some duties will require physical effort consisting of lifting or moving items weighing between 20 and 60 pounds and occasionally moving materials that weigh over 60 pounds.

Application:
If interested, please email cover letter and resume to:
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Qualified applicants will be contacted for in-person interviews during early March.