2015 Summer Arboriculture Internship

Application Deadline: Monday, February 16, 2015

Opportunity:
The Office of Physical Plant at Penn State is offering one paid ($10/hour) summer arboriculture internship for undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates (two years or less since graduation) interested in career paths in forestry and related disciplines. This is a full-time (40 hour/week) position 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 arboricultural practices in a public landscape setting. Interns work side by side with Penn State staff arborists to manage day-to-day tree care operations on the University Park campus. Highlights include skills training in tree climbing and rigging, as well as training in the use of power tools and heavy equipment. Although most time will be occupied with daily maintenance of the University’s tree collection, interns will participate in several educational field trips and will gain exposure to other aspects of campus landscape management, including IPM, nursery operations, and horticulture.

Qualifications:
Applicants should be enrolled in (or have completed) an academic degree program in Forest Ecosystem Management, Forest Resources, Horticulture, 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 the field and can explain how this opportunity will help them to reach their career goals. Previous experience in tree work or 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.