

Horticulture and Landscape Management Internship

This is an opportunity to gain valuable career experience in various aspects of public gardening. The internship provides a unique opportunity for students to gain practical work experience and exposure to the world of public horticulture and various aspects of natural areas management while building a strong skill set for future employment in Horticulture or Natural Areas Management. Students will have opportunities to work in various botanical settings, including a 40-acre arboretum, a tall grass prairie, fern conservatory, preserve and native/ornamental garden areas.

Responsibilities and Expectations

Daily routine will involve all aspects of botanical garden maintenance including: the use of proper horticultural practices (planting, pruning, weed management, soil fertilization, and irrigation), renovation, construction of new gardens, labeling, propagation, plant breeding, and plant record keeping. Students may also participate in managing the trails throughout the preserve, repairing or replacing broken infrastructure and implementation of invasive species control protocols. Interns should bring a professional, friendly, and helpful attitude when engaging guests while completing garden tasks in a timely and quality manner. Students are expected to work in all tolerable weather conditions and be able to lift at least 30 pounds. The weekly work schedule is Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (32 hours per week).

Dress Code and Tools

- Closed-toe work shoes and boots are recommended
- Hats/sunglasses/sunscreen recommended
- All necessary garden tools will be provided

Applicant Guidelines

All interested students are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those with the following:

- Current enrollment in a college or university
- Studying horticulture, forestry, landscape management, restoration ecology or related subjects.