



BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

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SUMMER HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

This unique summer internship program offers the student the opportunity to work with and learn from two public gardens. Berkshire Botanical Garden is a not-for-profit public garden established in 1934. Located on 15 rural acres, the Garden consists of 26 display gardens, several specialty collections, and three greenhouses. Naumkeag, a Gilded Age-style estate, is a National Historic Landmark preserved by The Trustees of Reservations. The Trustees is one of Massachusetts' largest non-profits and the nation's first conservation and preservation organization. Both locations are situated in the beautiful Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts, a short driving distance from the center of historic Stockbridge. The area is home to many cultural institutions and numerous natural sites.

DESCRIPTION

The college internship program is designed to offer hands-on experience at Berkshire Botanical Garden and Naumkeag for college students aspiring to a career in horticulture, public gardening and landscape architecture or design. Interns will work with horticulture staff and volunteers in all phases of public garden maintenance and development. This includes planting, weeding, watering, mulching, pruning, and interacting with visitors. Students may also become involved in special projects such as accession records, garden inventories, plant signage, or photography. Intern training sessions, public educational programs, and staff field trips are offered to help broaden the students' horticultural horizon.

Summer internships are for 12 weeks, 40 hours per week and usually start mid-May. The program includes shared intern housing at the Naumkeag estate and a stipend of \$8.00/hr.

REQUIREMENTS

Previous gardening experience and course work in horticulture, public gardening or landscape design are required. Junior and senior undergraduate students applying for college credit are preferred. Students must be responsible, self-motivated and capable of the strenuous nature of gardening.

APPLY

Please submit a cover letter, resume and an application, which can be found on the Garden's website at www.berkshirebotanical.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Deadline for applying is March 1, 2018. Earlier applications will receive earlier decision.