



Horticulture Internship at Tyler Arboretum: Seasonal, 37.5 hours a week (mid-May to September), no benefits, reporting to Director of Horticulture

POSITION SUMMARY

Tyler Arboretum is seeking an Intern who is passionate about horticulture and has a commitment to learning through hands-on experience.

This 10-week internship is intended for those with an existing knowledge of routine garden maintenance. The position offers the opportunity to develop skills in woody plant identification, trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, mapping and plant records, plant evaluation (herbaceous and woody plants) and grounds maintenance activities.

Paid Internship: \$11/hr (10 weeks total).

Credit/internship requirements can be arranged and must be discussed ahead of time.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintain display areas (mulching, weeding, pruning, watering, etc.)
- Assist with mapping and plant records; evaluate plants (herbaceous and woody plants)
- Assist with grounds maintenance activities
- Minor repair of equipment and tools
- Pest and weed control, including invasive species management. Interns will not be applying pesticides.
- Participate in Scheduled fieldtrip(s), workshops and intern evaluations.

Essential Requirements

- Current student working towards BA or BS with a degree focused on Horticulture, Biology, Ecology, Forestry or similar field. Recent Graduates (within last 12 months) may apply.
- Good organizational, interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills required
- Ability to work with volunteers and staff. Occasional work on evenings and weekends
- (Note: Tyler has the right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.)

Work Environment

- General work on the Arboretum's grounds
- Requires frequent and prolonged standing, walking, bending, kneeling, pulling, twisting and climbing.
- Must be able to frequently lift up to 50 pounds
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions

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Educational Opportunities

- Participate in Tyler’s public program offerings (i.e., wildflower walks, bird walks, butterfly walks, history walks)
- Attend field trips to regional gardens, arboreta, nurseries and/or project sites
- Learn about public garden management from educational sessions with Tyler staff
- Network with professionals
- Attend Public Garden Intern Work Day at one of the 32 Public Gardens in the area.

About Tyler

Tyler Arboretum, a public garden in the Philadelphia suburbs, covers 650 acres of renowned plant collections, champion trees, historic buildings, with 17 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Tyler offers workshops, classes, and tours for adults and children throughout the year.

To Apply

Please send cover letter and resume to Julia Lo Ehrhardt, Community Outreach Manager, jlo@tylerarboretum.org

All electronic files should be sent as a PDF and labeled with the applicant’s last name. References may be requested following initial interview.

Tyler Arboretum,
515 Painter Road, Media, PA 19063

The application deadline is March 29.