2019 HORTICULTURE INTERNSHIPS

Horticulture interns work in one or more of Arboretum’s gardens or collections. The interns work alongside staff to complete various tasks that develop, maintain and preserve the diverse curated plant collections of the arboretum.

**Description:** Internships are 3-6 months long and will begin in April or May, 2019. All internships are paid positions by either an hourly wage or stipend, depending upon the position. College credit may be arranged by the student and is encouraged.

**Qualifications:** Applicants need to have either completed course work or have acquired practical experience in horticulture or a related field. Basic gardening skills, interest in plants, and the ability to work independently are essential.

**Duties & Working Conditions:** Interns will be responsible for the typical duties of working in a public garden by assisting staff in the development and maintenance of the plant germplasm collections. Duties include general gardening tasks that provide proper environmental conditions which includes watering, mowing, mulching, and weeding. Assists staff with updating records and labels of plants in collections. Internships will involve heavy lifting, repetitive tasks, and exposure to extreme heat and humidity.

- Interns will be assigned to one or more of the following areas:
  - **Asian Collections** features plants collected from the rich floras of China, Japan, and Korea.
  - **Azalea Collection** features cultivated azaleas in a wooded setting.
  - **Boxwood Collection** is one of the most complete collections of boxwood in the world.
  - **Conifer Collection** highlights hundreds of varieties of conifers.
  - **Dogwood Collection** features more than 100 varieties and species of *Cornus* in a naturalistic setting.
  - **Fern Valley Native Plant Collection** features plants native to Eastern USA in woodland and meadow settings.
  - **Friendship Garden** is an innovative landscape that includes woody plants, perennials, ornamental grasses, and bulbs designed for year-round interest.
  - **National Herb Garden** is the largest designed herb garden in the nation that includes annual, perennial, and woody herbal plants. **This internship starts in early April.**
  - **Introduction Garden** displays new plants to the gardening public, including new National Arboretum introductions.
  - **Springhouse Run** – newly restored stream that runs through the grounds of the Arboretum and into the Anacostia River.

To apply: Please send a cover letter indicating availability and interest areas, resume, references, and transcripts (unofficial are acceptable) via email to USNA.Internships@ars.usda.gov. Questions? Contact the internship office at (202) 245-4563 or USNA.Internships@ars.usda.gov.