



## 2012 Teen Education Internship

### Goal of the Teen Education Intern (one position)

To learn how to plan and implement an environmental educational program for teens.

### Duties and Responsibilities

Work with the Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator and other Plantations staff to implement an environmental education pilot program designed for a teenaged audience. The program will be focused around a "Sustainable Backyard" garden at Plantations and it will be the lens through which environmental education themes will be taught. The program will consist of daily gardening and hands-on activities, weekly field trips, community projects and discussions with teens about environmental topics.

Intern activities may include:

- Researching and designing educational activities around the weekly themes of the Environmental Education (pilot) Program for Sustainability.
- Preparation and coordination of daily activities.
- Assistance and participation in daily activities, including outdoor projects such as gardening, nature hikes, hands-on plant-based activities, discussion groups, community outreach and other scheduled activities.
- Work directly with and provide support to students in the program. Provide mentorship and support for students' roles as leaders.
- Work in the gardening site associated with this program.
- Participate in regular nature hikes and other activities associated with environmental interpretation.
- Collaborate and coordinate with Plantations Staff, Cornell University staff and graduate students.
- Participate in the delivery of tours or other activities directed at teens that fall outside the Pilot High School program.
- Participate in weekly group intern activities as scheduled.
- Developing and administering an evaluation of the pilot program.
- Maintain a portfolio of work that will be shared with all staff on the last official day of the internship.

### Requirements

- Ability to commit to the entire internship period
- Currently enrolled or accepted Cornell University student
- Plant science, Horticulture, Ecology and/or education background
- Good communication, writing, computer, and organizational skills
- Interest in working with teen aged youth
- Must have or be able to obtain a valid driver's license
- Ability to lift 50 lbs

- This is a full-time internship (39 hrs./week)

### **Work Environment**

The intern will work closely with the Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator and other collaborators in both an indoor office environment as well as outdoors. The intern will work with teens indoors, outdoors or at off-site locations.

Each Monday from June to August interns will learn as a group spending most of the time outdoors. These days may include field trips or educational activities about the diverse work of a public garden. Some time is set aside each Monday for Capturing Your Experience.

**To Apply: Please complete the on-line application form and click submit.**

### **General Program Information**

Cornell Plantations internship program is open to all currently enrolled or accepted **Cornell University students** (including graduating seniors and graduate students). Plantations recognizes that an internship is an opportunity to try out a career field. While we encourage applications from those with plant or natural sciences coursework or relevant work experience, we also welcome applications from students that are enthusiastic about the natural world and can articulate their interest in our program.

### **Goal**

Provide an educational and work experience for Cornell University students involving hands-on activities that build on classroom learning and represent the full spectrum of work throughout our organization.

### **Vision**

We view our interns foremost as learners who offer a valuable fresh perspective. We treat each student as a professional team member and part of the Plantations family. Our staff is committed to the program, offering mentorship, guidance, and appreciation for each intern's contribution.

Our program's schedule is designed to offer all students exposure to the varied aspects of public garden and natural areas management.

For more information or questions on the general details of the internship program, contact Phil Syphrit at 607-227-5795 or [plantationsintern@cornell.edu](mailto:plantationsintern@cornell.edu) or see our website [www.plantations.cornell.edu](http://www.plantations.cornell.edu).