

The Mundy Wildflower Garden Internship

Objective: To learn a broad range of horticultural skills and natural areas management skills through hands-on training and involvement in the daily operations of a public garden and natural area. This intern will be given the opportunity to learn to identify and grow more than 100 different species of native plants. This position involves general garden maintenance and natural areas management including:

- Native Plant identification
- Trail clearing, learning to use tools
- Identifying and removing invasive species
- Preparing areas for and planting native and naturalized species
- Seed collecting and seed handling protocols
- Plant propagation
- Working with volunteers

Each Monday from June to August interns will participate in Learning Mondays, a series of workshops that may include field trips or educational activities about the diverse work of a public garden.

Each Tuesday, the intern will work with several community members during volunteer day in the wildflower garden. On occasion, the intern may need to take the lead in directing these volunteers.

For about a half day each week, the intern will work on a special project related to management or interpretation for the garden. Possible project topics include:

- a tree identification walk/tour for the garden,
- a fern, grass, or bryophyte species list with photos for the information boards,
- Power point or slide presentation,
- lead a walk in the WFG or Park Park meadow

Work Environment

This intern will work outdoors with the wildflower gardener, primarily in the Mundy Wildflower Garden, but also at the meadow restoration area at Park Park. Occasionally, this intern will work with other natural areas interns or staff on

group projects. The Wildflower Garden is located in the Fall Creek Valley within walking distance of Cornell's Campus. The interior of the garden is known historically for its high diversity of native and naturalized plants including scarce and rare species. These are found in the garden's floodplain forest, wetlands, meadow, and on the steep north and east facing slopes.

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**. 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 or see our website www.plantations.cornell.edu.