



Goal of the Youth Education Intern

To learn the primary methods of a youth outreach program at a botanical garden with emphasis on how to develop and conduct plant-related educational programs for youth.

Duties and Responsibilities

Work with the youth education coordinator to develop new plant learning kits to engage youth in schools and visiting gardens. Learn, design, and conduct programs on various plant subjects to school groups, summer campers and families at festivals, and fairs. Work together with visitor education intern to orient families.

Activities include:

- Helping to create an elementary school program with a cultural plant tradition focus
- Being an active member of Judy's Day committee planning a themed event for next year
- Creating an engaging Judy's Day profile on our web site
- Assisting with visitor orientation
- Teaching Wildflower Exploration program to 3rd Graders

In addition the intern will:

- Work directly with children, leading workshops in the garden,
- Design and present activities at local festivals and fairs,
- Test activities with youth at summer camps, etc.,
- Investigate other area museum outreach activities, and
- 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,
- Skills in planning organizing and teaching,
- Plant science and/or education background,
- Good communication, writing, design, and computer skills,
- Interest in teaching children,
- Work various weekend events throughout the summer,
- Participate in weekly group intern activities as scheduled, and
- Must have or be able to obtain a valid driver's license.

This is a full-time internship (39 hrs./week). Must be able to work Saturdays, including Cornell Reunion weekend. Typical work hours are Mondays are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. but somewhat flexible due to weekend work.

Work Environment

The intern will work closely with the Youth Education Coordinator in an indoor office environment that is highly collaborative for at least 50 percent of each work week. Youth programs may be 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.

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