

**Botanical Collections Internships****Duties and Responsibilities**

*Basic, recurring jobs include weeding, planting, mulching, and brush clearing. Common tasks include:*

- Planting trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals,
- Pruning trees and shrubs,
- Preparing planting beds,
- Dividing perennials, and
- Operating equipment including tractors and gators.
- All collections interns will do weekly documentation of learning and skill development. This portfolio or field record will be shared with all staff on the last official day of the internship

*Based on need and interns' interests, work may also include:*

- Scouting plants for insects and diseases to assess overall plant health
- Assisting with arboricultural activities involving instruction on climbing techniques
- Assisting with landscape construction and stonework
- Assisting with our plant records database, conducting elementary surveying and mapping of plant collections
- Assisting with current Plantations landscape design projects involving site planning, design development and implementation

**Requirements**

- Ability to commit to the entire internship period,
- Currently enrolled or accepted Cornell University student,
- Coursework or work experience involving plants or the natural world,
- Enthusiasm for the horticultural field,
- Ability to alternate between independent and group work,
- Ability and willingness to do repetitive tasks,
- Learn to follow proper safety protocol,
- Ability to lift 50 pounds,
- 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, 12 week internship. Must be able to work the Saturday of Reunion Weekend  
Typical work hours are Monday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Work Environment**

These positions spend most of the workday outdoors within Plantations' botanical garden areas and arboretum. The job provides an excellent opportunity to get hands-on training in a wide variety of tasks under the encouraging direction of numerous staff members. Interns are rotated

based on the week's work and individual interest. On a given day, the three interns may all work together, in pairs, or singly with various horticultural staff.

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.

**To Apply: 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.

If you have questions or would like more information about 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).