



4100 Illinois Route 53
Lisle, Illinois 60532-1293

Public Horticulture Internships

Objective: To provide an enriching professional growth experience in public horticulture focusing on collection management.

The Morton Arboretum ranks among the world's foremost public gardens, noted for its exceptional plant collections, beautiful garden and landscape displays, practical research focus, and rich library collections. Recent expansion projects include a new Visitor Center, Maze Garden, and four-acre Children's Garden. The Morton Arboretum, located in Lisle, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, is offering two three-month internships in Public Horticulture from approximately May 12 to August 11, 2008.

Interns will rotate through most Arboretum departments during the internship, gaining experience primarily in these areas: Collections and Garden Curation and Planning and Design, Plant Records, and Plant Propagation. Additional activities include "Experience Enrichment Days" to incorporate aspects of public horticulture not covered in daily work (e.g. the Herbarium, Interpretation & Exhibits, Visitor Services, Science Camp, orientation to specific research activities and projects, Plant Clinic, Children's Garden, landscape architecture, hands-on horticultural experiences, and off-site field trips or lectures, and other relative experiences).

Applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in public horticulture. Qualifications for candidates include gardening or plant maintenance experience and enrollment in or completion of an A.A., B.S., or M.S. degree program in the Life Sciences area (Biology, Botany, Environmental Science, Forestry, Horticulture, or Life Science Ecology). The Arboretum regrets it is unable to accept international students at this time.

Intern stipend is \$10/hour for a 37.5-hour workweek. Applicants must have their own transportation. Housing assistance may be available. The Arboretum's extensive library and education classes are available to interns. Interns are expected to join in the activities of the Arboretum, including special events and visitor programs, in order to experience the full spectrum of the workings of a public garden. The Arboretum requires applicants for all positions to successfully pass a criminal history background investigation and a post-offer/pre-employment drug screen prior to finalizing employment. The Morton Arboretum is a tobacco-free environment. No tobacco use will be permitted on our grounds.

For further information, and to download an internship application, please see The Morton Arboretum website (www.mortonarb.org).

Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, application form, resume, and official transcript to: Sally Kenaston, Internship Coordinator, The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532-1293. Applications for 2008 internships will be accepted until positions are filled.

The mission of The Morton Arboretum is to collect and study trees, shrubs, and other plants from around the world, to display them across naturally beautiful landscapes for people to study and enjoy, and to learn how to grow them in ways that enhance our environment. Our goal is to encourage the planting and conservation of trees and other plants for a greener, healthier, and more beautiful world.