

Internship Opportunities at Hilltop Gardens at Indiana University

Gain invaluable hands-on experience in public horticulture at one of the Midwest's oldest and finest university gardens

Hilltop Gardens is a five-acre public garden at Indiana University, a university well known for its outstanding academic landscape. For over sixty years, Hilltop has been an integral part of that landscape, with youth garden areas, community garden plots, and over a dozen specialized gardens. Each component is a cornerstone to IU's commitment to beautiful public landscapes as well as sustainable gardening. Interns work with expert horticulture staff to build and grow IU's oldest and best-loved garden – Hilltop.

Horticulture internships at Hilltop

Internship positions are available for 2010

- Internship positions are open to all college level students in horticulture or related disciplines
- Interns work for a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 16 weeks from May to August
- Interns work 40-hour weeks and receive a wage of \$9 per hour
- Interns are provided with rent-free on-campus apartment housing located within walking distance to Hilltop*
- Interns must work one weekend day per 2 week pay period

Interns focus on gaining hands-on horticultural experience. We challenge our interns to apply what they have learned in the classroom so that they may gain new insights into their talents and abilities in their chosen fields. Interns must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. They must be able to perform strenuous manual labor, including frequent lifting and carrying of heavy loads up to 50 lbs., and must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Projects for 2010 include, but are not limited to:

Renovation of 300-foot perennial border

The perennial border at the entrance is the signature garden of Hilltop. First planted many years ago, it suffers from soil compaction and is long overdue for repair and renewal. Interns work Hilltop staff and volunteers to remove and divide plants, repair the garden's soil with amendments, and then replant the area. What began as a daylily and daffodil garden will be transformed into a four-season mixed border.

Planting and maintenance of the 11 theme gardens

Hilltop's many theme gardens showcase plants that grow well in our Southern Indiana climate and are designed according to a particular theme: herb garden, butterfly garden, tomato test garden, 180-foot gourd walk, vegetable display garden, pumpkin patch, Wilson shade garden, tea garden, cutting flower garden, event pavilion, and annual display garden. As they rotate through the gardens, interns learn how to execute the unique and particular design requirements of each area, gaining insight into the distinct personalities of every garden. Interns also learn to recognize and perform the weekly and seasonal maintenance tasks necessary to keep the gardens in peak display conditions and to replant as necessary to ensure that displays are colorful and full.

Hilltop Gardens is part of Indiana University. Indiana University is an equal employment opportunity/equal access/affirmative action employer and a provider of ADA services.

*Rent-free university housing is available. Personal income tax implications of university-provided housing will be the successful candidate's responsibility.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2010

Please submit cover letter of interest and resume to

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