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Public Horticulture - Lurie Garden, Millennium Park Chicago, IL

Summer Internship 2010

Mission: The Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park is a leader in cutting-edge design, responsible gardening practices and dynamic public programming in an urban environment.

Spend the summer working in downtown Chicago in Millennium Park's Lurie Garden; a 2.5 acre city garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol Ltd and Dutch plantsman and designer Piet Oudolf. The Lurie Garden pays homage to Chicago's motto, "Urbs in Horto" (City in a Garden) and represents the New Wave Planting Style - a relaxed and natural style emphasizing form, texture and the natural harmony of plants.

- The hands-on horticulture intern will work directly with the Lurie Garden staff throughout the summer; assisting with planting, watering, cultivating, weeding, pruning and overall daily garden maintenance. He/She will also plan and execute public weekly garden tours, help coordinate the "Ask Me" program and help direct weekly hands-on garden volunteers. The Lurie Garden intern will also assist with the garden's Environmental programming in different capacities ranging from adult lectures to play camp garden walks. This position requires an individual capable and interested in working independently and comfortable speaking with the public on a daily basis. Flexibility is key. Some weekends and evenings required.
- Working in a public garden requires the ability to handle all weather conditions, especially the heat and insects. One must be able to lift at least 25 pounds and have a sincere desire to learn plant material. This individual must be interested in sustainable garden practices, design and the use of native plant material. An intern project will be determined based on the needs of the garden and interests of the intern.

This is a rare and unique opportunity to experience first hand public horticulture in an urban setting, sustainable practices and design.

Beginning and ending dates are flexible. Although no housing is provided, assistance in locating housing is offered. The Lurie Garden staff is willing to work with accredited universities for class credits or special projects.

Apply by: 15 March, 2010

Duration: 10 to 12 weeks. (May -August 2010)

Compensation: \$10.00/hr

Hours: 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Requirements: Must be currently enrolled in university/college

Contact: Jennifer Davit, Lurie Garden Director & Horticulturist

If interested: please send cover letter, resume, current academic transcript and 2 letters of recommendations (academic and work) to;

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