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Dear Colleagues,

I'm pleased to announce that we have started accepting applications for our next Curatorial Fellow at the Arnold Arboretum. Would you be so kind to forward the following to any potential candidates you may know? Thank you so much (and apologies if you receive this note twice).

All the best,  
Michael

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The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University seeks a motivated and talented individual to become its next Curatorial Fellow. Curation of the living collections is a fundamental part of the mission of the Arnold Arboretum, where detailed plant records have been kept since 1872. This long tradition in collections management allows the Arboretum to provide a unique learning opportunity to an individual interested in a curatorial career at a botanic garden, arboretum or similar institution.

During the 6-month program (flexible start date in May 2011), the Fellow will become competent in the core areas of curation through formal training, experiential learning, and self-guided project work. Through collaboration with the Curator of Living Collections, they will learn the essentials of basic museum practice, curatorial review process, collections development planning, approaches to taxonomic verification, and can participate in various research projects. Work with the Curatorial Associate will give the successful applicant the chance to learn inventorying tactics and to become proficient in the use of living collections management software (BG-Base) as well as electronic cartographic technologies (GPS and GIS). Work with the Curatorial Assistant will expose the Fellow to methodologies related to nomenclatural verification, accession documentation, herbarium voucher collection, and the processing of research requests. In addition to working with these core curatorial staff, there will be many chances for the Fellow to collaborate with other horticultural, scientific, library and education staff members at the Arboretum. The Fellow will also be expected to independently conduct a special project that meets the Arboretum's curatorial needs and reflects the Fellow's interests.

### **Requirements**

Successful applicants must have a strong knowledge of temperate woody plants, as well as an undergraduate degree in botany, horticulture or related field, or a minimum of 5 years work experience in one of these fields. They will also be expected to be in residence the entire 6-month period.

Previous work experience in a botanic garden or arboretum is not required but is preferred, as is a desire to choose living collections management and curation as a career. They should have strong written and oral communication skills, competency using Microsoft® Office Suite Software, the ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions found in New England, and the ability to work both as part of a team and independently.

The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is the oldest public arboretum in North America and one of the world's leading centers for the study of plants. Founded in 1872 and designed by America's first landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, and the Arboretum's first director, Charles Sprague Sargent, the 265-acre Arboretum is an historic landmark and one of the best preserved of Olmsted's landscapes. A unique blend of beloved public landscape and respected research institution, the Arboretum provides and supports world-class research, horticulture, and education programs that foster the understanding, appreciation, and preservation of woody plants. Along with a horticultural library and herbarium encompassing some 4.8 million dried plant specimens, the Arboretum comprises one of the largest and best documented woody plant collections in the world, with over 14,000 living plants. To learn more about the Arnold Arboretum, please visit: [www.arboretum.harvard.edu](http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu)

The Fellow directly reports to the Curator of Living Collections. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2011.

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