Internship in Plant Research & Conservation

Location:
Denver Botanic Gardens (1007 York St., Denver, CO 80206)

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Duration:
10 weeks

Compensation:
$10 per hour

Job Summary:
This hands-on internship provides the opportunity to work side-by-side with the plant conservation and research professionals on the DBG staff and plant conservation partners across Colorado. Interns will assist in collecting ecological field data including compiling data upon return to the office and seed collection trips of Colorado’s rare species.

Qualifications:
Applicants may be current undergraduate students or recent graduates in the field of botany, biology, environmental science or related area. A basic knowledge of plant biology, plant identification and ecological field methods is required. A current driver’s license and clean driving record is also required. Experience with GPS and GIS is beneficial. College credit may be available at the discretion of the applicable college or university and is the responsibility of the student. The program considers both traditional and non-traditional students, including those who are making career changes into the fields of ecology or botany.

Working Conditions:
Work time is split between office (research, data entry) and fieldwork at locations across western Colorado. Work conditions include hiking and carrying field equipment (maximum 30 pounds) to sites in potentially difficult conditions (summer heat or fall’s cool temperatures). Extended fieldwork may include overnight camping and multiple-day outings.

Application:
• All application materials must be received by Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, and should include the following:
  • Completed Denver Botanic Gardens application form – available online as a PDF, or contact the HR Department for a Word document format
  • Current resume that details your background in botany and conservation as well as any research experience that you may have
  • All official transcript(s) that show your cumulative GPA
• Two letters of reference that reflect your academic and work experience
• A cover letter.

Please discuss your answers to the following questions in your cover letter (1-2 pages). Hiring will be strongly contingent on a thorough treatment of these questions.

Please discuss your background in botany and conservation. What research experience do you have, if any?

What topics related to plant conservation are you most interested in learning? Why are these topics of particular interest to you?

Discuss both your short-term and long-term academic/professional goals. What do you hope to gain from this internship?

Please note: The selection committee will not be able to review applications that are missing any of the required information.

The completed application packet as outlined above can be e-mailed to: hr@botanicgardens.org. All application e-mails must include your name and the word “internship” in the subject line. Application materials can also be sent via regular mail to:

Denver Botanic Gardens
Attn: Human Resources – Internship
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