2011SUMMER INTERNSHIP
MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS

Jointly sponsored by: Western Michigan Greenhouse Association and Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association

The MSU Horticulture Gardens at Michigan State University is seeking a hardworking, innovative student to assist with many tasks at the 2 acre *Amien A. and Florence M. Carter Annual Trial Garden*. The Annual Trial Garden showcases more than 600 different cultivars of the finest bedding plants from breeders from all over the world.

This opportunity will allow the intern to learn public gardening through practical hands-on experience maintaining display and trial gardens. The intern working directly with the trialing process will learn a great deal about plant selection, maintenance and evaluation of cultivars in Michigan gardens.

Katie McCarver, our Annual Trial Gardens Manager will provide high quality hands-on experience for the intern in the evaluation of bedding plants and other annuals. The intern will be educated in the entire trialing process including growing and maintaining plants in the landscape, data collection and summarization, and communication of the results to growers and gardeners.

Schedule and Hours:	Begin - Mid May End – Late August 40 Hours per week
Work Days:	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Occasional Saturday and Sunday hours Adjustments to schedule may be made if student is enrolled in Summer classes.
Position Requirements:	Candidate must be available to work for three months beginning in May. He or she must be enrolled in a college horticulture program or related field with an interest in public gardens. The ideal candidate will be flexible, able to work in a fast-paced environment and possess good communication and interpersonal skills.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with the installation and maintenance of garden areas including weeding, watering, dead-heading, fertilizing, planting, removing debris, pruning, and edging.

- Working with the trial manager photos to label and photograph all plants.. The intern will help post photos on the trial garden website.

- Assist in gathering and summarizing plant data for trial books and website.

Wages: $9.00 per hour

Interested? Please send a resume and a letter of interest to:

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