



HORTICULTURE INTERNSHIPS

The Polly Hill Arboretum on the island of Martha's Vineyard is seeking applicants who are students of horticulture or plant science at the college level to participate as horticulture interns. The Arboretum's summer internship program offers two students a unique opportunity aimed at allowing interns to improve their horticultural knowledge and skills relevant to caring for and managing a diverse collection of primarily woody plants. Working alongside and learning from professional horticulture staff, interns will have the opportunity to gain experience through participation in activities such as pruning, arboriculture, plant propagation, greenhouse and nursery management, IPM, plant records, as well as basic horticultural tasks. Interns are also expected to work with the public and help staff the Visitor Center. Interns also give occasional tours and assist with the education program in which they are encouraged to participate. Interns also complete an independent project.

The ideal candidates will be hard-working individuals with a sincere interest in further developing their horticultural knowledge and skills in a public garden setting, and students who are motivated to take full advantage of the opportunities provided.

Internships are full time positions and interns work 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. with a one-half hour lunch break; either Tuesday – Saturday or Sunday – Thursday. Interns are encouraged to participate in special events and educational activities beyond this schedule, and are occasionally required to do so.

Internships are for 12 weeks. The start date is flexible, although mid-late May is ideal. Compensation is \$10/hour for a 40 hour week, and **housing is provided** at The Nature Conservancy's 90 acre Hoft Farm, which is about four miles from the Arboretum and served by public transportation. Other environmental science/ecology/horticultural interns associated with The Nature Conservancy and other conservation groups also live at the Farm.

No international applications accepted.

To apply for an internship for the summer of 2011 please send a cover letter, a résumé and a list of three references *by* March 1st, 2011 to:

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