**Horticultural Interns**

**Forest Park Forever** is seeking Horticultural Interns for summer positions in the jewel of St. Louis, Forest Park. Forest Park was dedicated on June 24th, 1876. At 1,371 acres, Forest Park is one of the largest parks set in an urban environment in the U.S., surpassing New York’s Central Park by 500 acres. The park is the 6th most visited urban park in the U.S. attracting over 13 million visitors annually. The Interns selected for this position will work side by side with eight horticulturalists on management of five hundred plus acres of land within the Park.

This internship program provides instruction and hands-on gardening experience. Under the direction of the horticultural staff, interns will participate in the installation, maintenance, conservation, and preservation of the park gardens including; The 1904 World’s Fair Pavilion and Government Hill, The Art Museum and Art Hill overlooking the Grand Basin, Kennedy Forest which is home to over 200 species of birds, The Boat House featuring a Restaurant Bar & Grill and Post-Dispatch Lake where paddle boats are rented and patrons can enjoy Picnic Island or a casual paddle with loved ones. Daily horticultural activities will include annual and perennial planting, bed preparation, mulching, watering, fertilizing, tree and shrub maintenance, BMP's of insect pest and disease control, irrigation maintenance and other horticultural duties. Additional activities performed will include working with volunteers and some special events within the park. The Interns will be gaining knowledge on horticultural and landscaping practices in areas ranging from formal to natural settings.

Qualified applicants will be current students with coursework in Horticulture/Forestry. Interns will work Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:30pm. Interns must enjoy doing physical work outside in all types of weather condition including rain, or heat and humidity. Must be able to work on feet for extended periods of time and to lift, carry or push 50lbs. Preferred work term is May to August, but starting and ending dates are flexible and vacation time if requested is permitted. Pay is competitive. Ability to follow oral and written directions is required. Other attractions in the park that all include free admission prices include; the nationally acclaimed St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, The Missouri History Museum, the Jewel Box Conservatory, and the Muny outdoor musical theater. More information on Forest Park Forever can be found at [www.forestparkforever.org](http://www.forestparkforever.org).

Please send your cover letter and resume to David Rowan (Horticultural Foreman) via email at drowan@forestparkforever.org or call (314) 932-5950 ext. 2.