JOB DESCRIPTION
WESTERN REGION HORTICULTURE INTERNSHIP

The Trustees of Reservations is seeking applicants to participate in the 12-week summer Internship Program. The goal of this program is to provide students of the environmental, botanic and horticulture sciences with practical training and experience during the summer months, and to support the stewardship goals of the Stockbridge Management Unit of The Trustees of Reservations.

Two candidates will be chosen to work alongside Trustees staff and will gain practical experience with:

- maintaining ornamental and natural landscapes
- gaining a deeper understanding of the issues involved in preserving conserved lands
- working to preserve cultural resources
- dealing with the issues involved in public horticulture

The term of the internship is ten to twelve weeks and will involve work on Trustees properties throughout the West Region, although the focus of the stewardship component of the internship will be at Naumkeag, a Trustees property in Stockbridge, MA. Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 2007, the gardens at Naumkeag were designed by Fletcher Steele and the landscape is considered one of the best-preserved of his works.

As part of the regular work week, the internship program will include an informal series of instruction which will include lectures, demonstrations and work involving Trustees experts, as well as tours of other public gardens and Trustees properties.

Interns will be expected to work and/or attend programs 40 hours each week, including some weekends, and will be required to work outdoors and in all weather conditions.

Responsibilities

- Basic tasks associated with the care and maintenance of a historic landscape including but not limited to daily preparation of the grounds for visitors and guests, weeding, mulching, watering, planting and trail maintenance.

- Interact with visitors and guests in a courteous and professional manner, offering guidance and assistance. Promote The Trustees of Reservations and our work, and encourage our guests to help preserve special places across the state of Massachusetts by becoming members.

- Other duties as assigned.
**Experience, Education, and Skills**

The internship program is open to students enrolled in a degree or diploma program. The internship is intended to provide practical skills and to build knowledge that will complement any course of study related to the work they will be doing on Trustees properties.

Must be in good physical condition and be able to lift weights of up to 50 lbs.

**Hours, Salary & Benefits**

This is a seasonal, non-exempt position, located in western Massachusetts. The position is full-time for 10 to 12 weeks ending in late August or early September and pays $12/ hour. In order to include the educational component of the internship program, the work schedule may require some flexibility. Housing is available for a small fee.

**To Apply**

Send cover letter and resume by email to: bferguson@ttor.org, or by mail to: Trustees of Reservations, PO Box 792, Stockbridge, MA 01262, Attn: Internship. No phone calls, please.

**Additional Information**

Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations preserve, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. We have helped protect more than 50,000 acres of farmland, natural areas and historically significant properties, including 25,000+ acres on more than 100 reservations that are all open to the public. We are a nonprofit conservation organization funded and supported entirely by our visitors, supporters, volunteers and more than 40,000 members.

In addition to being an Equal Opportunity Employer, the Trustees of Reservations aim to create a thriving, inclusive workplace that values each member of our team. We aspire to reflect and effectively serve the residents and communities of Massachusetts, who are at the core of our mission.