Hello Career Counselors, Horticulture Faculty Advisors and Horticulture Club Leaders,

Please share the following information with students who are interested in a summer horticulture internship in a unique public garden setting. If you have any questions about our internship program, please do not hesitate to contact us. My contact information is listed below, or you may contact our HR Department at hr@botanicgardens.org. To access details of the positions, please visit our website, www.botanicgardens.org, and type the word internship into the search box.

Denver Botanic Gardens is now accepting applications for 2016 Internships in Horticulture and Plant Records

Internships at Denver Botanic Gardens provide students with hands-on experience in public gardening. This year we will be offering four full-time summer internships 11 weeks in length and one part-time position that will be 5-6 months in length in the Horticulture Department.

Horticulture interns are immersed in the wide variety of daily activities that are required to keep a public garden growing and attractive – planting, watering, weeding, mulching, pruning, etc. Additionally our interns work with a mentor on an individualized garden-based project or gardening in a specialized setting. We have openings for 5 horticulture interns. Below are brief descriptions of the project opportunities for summer 2016:

- Assist in the tissue culture lab and assist in our trial gardens. The intern will work with media preparation, starting and maintaining cultures, and experimenting with a new-to-us species in micropropagation. In the garden the intern will learn research techniques for propagation, plant selection and trialng. Familiarity with micropropagation techniques strongly preferred. Must have own transportation.
- Assist in our Rock Alpine Garden, identifying plants, learning about growing alpine plants, and using microclimates. This intern will also be collecting herbarium specimens and assisting with preparations for the National Rock Garden Conference.
- Work on an urban farm, doing typical day-to-day tasks (weeding, watering, harvesting, market planning/management, education). Excellent people skills are a must.

The Plant Records intern will assist with mapping and inventorying throughout the garden and will enter the information into BG Base, a commonly used public garden plant inventory database. Applicants for this position should have a working knowledge of AutoCAD.

In 2016 we have a unique opportunity for a student who has recently graduated with or is pursuing a degree in horticulture, botany or closely related field. Denver Botanic Gardens horticulturists are currently writing a book on wildflowers and require assistance with organizing some of the materials and photos. This paid position will start in February and will be 20 hours per week. We anticipate that the project will be completed by early August.

These internships offer a great opportunity for students to learn about the diverse palette of plants that grow in a semi-arid environment and what it takes to garden successfully in a steppe climate. Denver
Botanic Gardens is an intensively cultivated garden. At our York Street location we have more than 14,000 taxa represented on our relatively small 20 acre growing space. (Not a lot of turf here). Our fieldtrips explore the diverse native ecosystems of Colorado, from the mountains to the prairie. Additional educational opportunities provide a glimpse into topics as diverse as plant exploration, xeriscaping, seed storage at the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation (NCGRP), and much more.

The Details:

- Applications for the wildflower book internship must be received by **Friday, January 8, 2016**.
- Applications for the summer horticulture and plant records internships must be received at Denver Botanic Gardens’ HR Department by **Friday, February 12, 2016**. All components of the application - letters (or e-mails) of reference, transcript(s), completed application form and resume - must be received by the due date.
- These internships are geared toward students who have successfully completed some basic horticulture and plant ID courses and who are interested in exploring career opportunities in the field of public horticulture. For specific course completion requirements, please see the job postings on our website.
- The application form is available on our website in a writable pdf format. When saving the completed file, please include the intern’s name and the word “application” in the file name (ex: Greg Smith intern application). If the applicant is unable to retrieve the application form from the website, please contact our HR Department for a copy.
- If references are sent via email, please include the intern’s name and the word “reference” in the subject line.
- Telephone interviews will be conducted with the top candidates.
- We hope to complete the hiring process by mid-March.
- Summer internships run for 11 consecutive weeks, unless otherwise specified, and start **Monday May 23, 2016**.
- Assistance in locating housing is available. Intern is responsible for own transportation be it auto, bicycle, or bus.
- Additional information and the application form are on our website. Simply type *internship* into the search option at www.botanicgardens.org.

If you are not the correct person to receive this information, please contact us and let us know to whom we should direct information on horticulture internships.

Thank you,
Ann Montague