ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE INTERNSHIP
Millennium Park & Lurie Garden
Chicago, IL

Millennium Park is a 24.5-acre public park in downtown Chicago that serves as a prominent civic, cultural, and artistic center for the city. The park includes icons such as the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Cloud Gate sculpture, Crown Fountain, and the Lurie Garden. Over 6 million visitors enjoy the park, its striking public art and architecture, and free public programs and performances each year.

The Lurie Garden and Millennium Park Foundation seek a talented, inspired, and dedicated part time Ornamental Horticulture Intern for the 2016 season. The Ornamental Horticulture Internship represents a unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience in design- and maintenance-intensive and high-visibility urban horticulture. As the Ornamental Horticulture Intern, you will have the chance to practice your horticulture skills at one of the country’s most visited public parks, collaborate with some of the top landscape management firms in the country, and experience public horticulture in downtown Chicago.

Salary Range:
$12.00 per hour

Work Schedule:
- April-early November 2016 (negotiable)
- Part-time, seasonal (some weekends and evenings required)
- Up to 30 hours per week
- 25-32 weeks total

Position Description:
The goal of the Ornamental Horticulture Intern is to provide hands-on maintenance for the Washington and Madison promenade planters in Millennium Park. The position will provide all daily horticultural maintenance in the assigned landscape spaces, as well as being a part of the team responsible for planning, execution, and assessment of current and future plantings in the promenade planters. The Intern will interact with staff and volunteers from Millennium Park, the Lurie Garden, and landscape contractors, in addition to interacting with park visitors.

The Intern will report to the Lurie Garden Director.

The Lurie Garden and Millennium Park Foundation are willing to coordinate with accredited colleges and universities for class or special project credit.
Responsibilities:

- Lead planting, weeding, watering, pruning, and other general landscape management tasks to the standard set for Lurie Garden planting areas.
- Lead all integrated pest management of the promenade planters.
- Assist in the organization, planning, and delivery of education programs and/or tours of the promenade planters.
- Upon and prior to completion of employment, write and deliver to the Lurie Garden Director a synopsis, diary, and/or summary of experiences and knowledge gained as the Ornamental Horticulture Intern.

Qualifications:

- Strong interest in public gardens and ornamental horticulture required.
- Strong knowledge of perennial and annual plant materials, installation and care of plant materials, and public garden/park display maintenance required.
- Demonstrated proficiency with industry standard horticultural practices, tools, and equipment required.
- Ability to work independently, effectively, and efficiently in a public garden, public park, or outdoor setting, independent of weather condition, required.
- Strong written and verbal communication skill required.
- Capable of lifting up to 25 pounds without assistance required.
- Capable of kneeling, standing, and bending for extended periods of time required.
- Demonstrated ability to speak with public/visitors about public gardens/gardening preferred.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, valid Illinois pesticide operator license preferred.
- Degree in horticulture or related field from a two- or four-year accredited academic institution preferred.

Application Deadline:

17 February 2016

Application Procedure:

Email cover letter, resume, most recent academic transcript (if applicable), and two (2) letters of recommendation to: Dr. Scott Stewart, Director at info@luriegarden.org.