2016 Summer Internship

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Internship Description:
The MSU Horticulture Gardens at Michigan State University is seeking a hardworking, innovative student to assist with many tasks at the 2 acre Amien A. and Florence M. Carter Annual Trial Garden. The Annual Trial Garden showcases more than 600 different cultivars of bedding plants from breeders from all over the world.

The intern will gain practical, hands-on experience in public gardening. Daedre McGrath, our Trial Garden Manager, will provide high quality learning opportunities for the intern through the evaluation of bedding plants and other annuals. The intern will be educated in the entire trialing process including growing and maintaining plants in the landscape, data collection and summarization, and communication of the results to growers and gardeners.

Schedule and Hours:
• Mid-May through late-August
• 40 hours per week
• Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Occasional Saturday and Sunday hours
• We may be able to accommodate your summer class schedule (if applicable)

Position Requirements:
Candidate must be available to work May through August. He or she must be enrolled in a college horticulture program or related field with an interest in public gardens. The ideal candidate will be flexible, able to work in a fast-paced environment, and possess good communication and interpersonal skills.

Duties and Responsibilities:
• Assist with the installation and maintenance of garden areas including planting, weeding, watering, dead-heading, fertilizing, spreading compost and mulch, removing debris, pruning, and edging.
• Working with the trial manager to label and photograph all plants.
• Assist in gathering and summarizing plant data for the trial brochure and website.

Wage: $10.00/hour

Interested?
Please send your resume to Daedre McGrath, dmcgrath@msu.edu, along with any questions you have.

Applications due by March 1, 2016