Position Title: Natural Areas/Horticulture Technician
Full/Part Time: Full Time
Work location: Ann Arbor – Matthaei-Nichols
Regular/Temporary: Temporary
Hourly Rate: $15.00 per hour
Job Duration: 9 Months - March 1st through November 31st
Openings: Two

How to Apply: You must apply for this position on the UM Jobs Career website, http://umjobs.org/. Use the job opening ID number 120720 to search for this position and apply. This job is posted until 2/13/2016.
Please note: A detailed cover letter and resume are required for consideration for this position; include the cover letter as the first page of your resume. In your cover letter, describe how your skills and experience directly relate to the specific duties and qualifications of this position.

Weekly Schedule: 40 hours / Tuesday through Saturday or Sunday through Thursday

Job Summary: The University of Michigan, Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum is seeking to hire a full-time temporary (9 month, 1 term limited) Natural Areas/Horticulture Technician for 2016 to assist in the development, maintenance, and management of living plant collections and natural areas in support of teaching, research, public outreach, and conservation goals of the U-M Matthaei-Nichols. Employment begins Tuesday, March 1st, and ends Wednesday, November 30th. This position is 40 hours per week, Tuesday through Saturday or Sunday through Thursday.

Job duties may include:

- Working alone or as part of a team, indoors and outdoors, to maintain gardens, plant specimens and collections, assist with greenhouse operations and the stewardship of natural areas.
- Growing plants in greenhouses and tending outdoor gardens; plant, water, fertilize, apply herbicide, pull weeds, spread mulch, and clean up gardens in the fall.
- Pruning, dragging and chipping brush, caging tree and shrub plantings as well as trail construction, brush clearing and other trail maintenance.
- Conducting prescribed fires and identifying and controlling exotic invasive plants.
- Supervising and leading student interns, work-study students, and volunteers.

Required Qualifications: A good work ethic, enthusiasm for teamwork and a willingness to learn is necessary. Some combination of education, an Associate’s degree or higher in a related field, and work experience in greenhouses, formal gardens, landscape care or botany, ecology or ecological restoration, is required. The ability to move and transport up to 40 lbs is required. Must be willing and able to work in a variety of weather conditions, tolerate biting insects, poison ivy and other challenges of outdoor work. An ability or willingness to learn to use a variety of power equipment and hand tools is necessary: tractors, mowers, utility vehicles, chainsaws, wood chipper, rototillers, rakes, shovels, hoes, etc. A State of Michigan Commercial Pesticide Applicator’s License or willingness to obtain one is required (Matthaei-Nichols provides study materials and may cover certification expenses) and a willingness to apply herbicides is necessary.

Desired Qualifications: Previous experience with any of the following: landscape design, rain gardens, prescribed fires and trail work. Previous leadership and supervisory experience is desired. Experience growing and tending a variety of plants, ornamental and/or native, is also desired.

Additional Notes: For more information about Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum please visit our website at mbgna.umich.edu. This is a temporary position lasting 9 months.

"The University of Michigan is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply".

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