Horticulture Intern

Interns will work with all levels of staff in the daily care of the gardens and plant collections. They will learn both hardy and subtropical plants, refined gardening skills and new and traditional design methods. Work will include garden care, greenhouse and nursery management and database management. In addition to regular gardening duties, each intern will be assigned an independent project to complete.

Moore Farms Botanical Garden is a nonprofit private garden set in rural Lake City, South Carolina. This dynamic 55-acre garden was established 14 years ago and includes a vegetable garden, formal garden, green roof, pond gardens, formal shrub borders, muscadine vineyard, greenhouse/nursery and much more. Other land use includes agriculture, forestry, pine straw production and wildlife habitat.

 Desired qualifications:

We are seeking students who are passionate about horticulture and botanical gardens. Ability to lift 50 lbs., willingness to work in adverse weather conditions and a valid driver’s license are required.

The internship is intended to allow juniors, seniors and recent graduates to work along staff in every aspect of the garden to explore their career options. Preferred majors include: horticulture, botany, biology, landscape architecture and agriculture.

When offered: 3-4 month summer internship for 2016

Locations(s): Southeastern US. Lake City, South Carolina 29560

Compensation and incentives: On-site housing in a cottage with satellite TV and Wi-Fi. Interns receive a taxable stipend of $1800 per month. Work exchanges will be arranged with local gardens like Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden, JC Raulston Arboretum, Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Garden and Brookgreen Gardens. A paid, out of state field trip is planned to provide experience of different regions and for professional networking opportunities.

Work expectations: 5 days, 40 hrs. /wk. with occasional weekend work.

To apply: Submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to:

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Please state interest in the horticulture internship in the cover letter.

The goal of this program is to provide students with an understanding of the day to day operations of a botanical garden, to prepare them for professional employment, to encourage creative and progressive thought and to ignite and inspire further passion for horticulture. For more information view our website at www.moorefarmsbg.org.