

MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN

HORTICULTURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Experience what it's like to be a part of a creative and passionate team of people who have dedicated their lives to bringing their love of nature and horticulture to the public. You will see firsthand how your degree can turn into a career sharing your passion with the world.

WHO WE ARE

The Memphis Botanic Garden internship program is designed to provide an intensive, hands-on experience in a public garden for people studying and/or considering horticulture, botany, ecology, environmental studies, and biology as a career path.

WHAT WE DO

Our 96-acre campus includes 30 specialty gardens, an arboretum that is an Urban Forestry Center of Excellence for the state of Tennessee and holds a Level IV status from TUFC and a Level II accreditation from Arbnnet, propagation and greenhouses, educational programs, and more!

PROGRAM FEATURES

Each Intern will be assigned a focus area where they will spend a majority of their time. In addition to your focus area, each week will feature a mentoring session with a member of MBG's Horticulture staff:

Week 1: Native plants and Ecological Landscape Practices/ Forest Ecosystems

Week 2: Irrigation and Pest Management

Week 3: Pruning Techniques/ Japanese Garden Aesthetics

Week 4: Herbs

Week 5: Pollinator Plants and Butterflies

Week 6: Rose and Hydrangea Care

Week 7: Tree Care and Arboriculture

Week 8: Organic Vegetable Growing and Orchard

Week 9: Greenhouse Management and Plant Propagation (how to take soft cuttings)

Week 10: Botanical Field Trip



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to your hands-on work in the gardens, you will have the opportunity to be a part of other aspects of running a public garden. This includes sitting in on strategic planning meetings, going on youth education tours, attending weekly staff meetings, looking at budget and revenue sources, and more!

INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

Your experience with us will prepare you to share your talents and passion inside the classroom and in the real world!

Our goal is that you will come away with:

1. Greater knowledge of all aspects of horticulture, ecology, and botany
2. A greater understanding and passion for nature
3. Professional connections and friendships within the horticulture world
4. Practical and quantifiable experience for your resume
5. A greater understanding of being part of a positive team-centered workplace
6. A letter of recommendation describing your experience with us



UPCOMING GARDEN PROJECTS

We are always working on expanding and improving our gardens. Our 2023 interns will have the opportunity to be a part of the following exciting Garden improvements:

Tropical & Youth Education Glasshouse

Collaboration with World Class Landscape Architects

Expanding Sustainable Growing Practices in the Urban Home Garden

Orchard and Arboretum Revitalization



If you are interested in interning with us, please contact our Director of Horticulture, Daniel Grose at daniel.grose@membg.org. Please include in your email your resume, areas of interest, and a brief explanation of why you'd like to intern at the Memphis Botanic Garden. This is a paid internship.

Thank you!