

Allen Centennial Garden

Floriculture and Programs Internship

The Allen Centennial Garden at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is a public garden, outdoor classroom, and artful living laboratory showcasing exceptional and sustainable ornamental horticulture. The Garden is seeking a highly motivated UW-Madison undergraduate student with strong leadership, organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills to fill the position of **Floriculture and Programs Intern**.

About the Position:

Reporting to the program and events lead, the intern is part of a team responsible for the maintenance and care of our program plant spaces, especially the dye, cutting, and Dahlia gardens. This intern will support art-plant public programs by harvesting, testing, and demonstrating floriculture design and plant based dyes. This intern will support up to two in-person programs in the evenings and up to two programs on Saturday per week. The intern will also support effective leadership of volunteer and student staff, update seasonal interpretive displays, and provide support for special events.

Please note, some off site harvesting may be necessary depending on our programmatic schedule. We are happy to troubleshoot transportation issues.

Compensation and Schedule:

- Duration: May 16, 2022–August 12, 2022
- Compensation: \$15/hour
- Schedule: Summer 2022: 30 hours/week with weekly weekend and evening hours; Part-time, March–May and August–October

Responsibilities:

- Maintains program garden spaces by planting, transplanting, weeding, and tearing out for replanting
- Assists with harvest of plant materials, program set up, demonstration of techniques to program participants, and program tear down
- Develops demonstrations, tests, and new projects using primarily fresh plant materials and fabric
- Communicates with program participants about our plants and shares the artistic choices available in a given project
- Other horticultural duties as assigned

Preferred Experience:

- Coursework and/or practical experience in horticulture, textiles, and art

Expectations:

- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing
- Support a welcoming environment for all garden stakeholders including staff, volunteers, and visitors, demonstrated through a welcoming demeanor and willingness to greet guests and answer questions
- High attention to detail in all work demonstrated through completing tasks efficiently and promptly and cleaning up after tasks
- Ability to lift at least 30 pounds
- Flexible and willing to work select weekends/evenings for special events
- Perceived by staff and others as a team player; willingness to offer to assist others.
- May develop special expertise in a garden area through completion of an independent project approved by the Executive Director, Programs Lead, and Horticulturist

This list is not meant to be all-inclusive and may be expanded to include other duties, responsibilities and expectations that management may deem necessary from time to time.