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2018 Horticulture Summer Internship

INTRODUCTION

Leach Botanical Garden is located in outer SE Portland, Oregon, on 18 acres along Johnson Creek. A gift to the City in 1980 by John and Lila Leach, the Garden has several discrete collections including native plantings, ferns and a magnificent over-story of Douglas-fir. Phase 1 of our future development in the upper portion of the Garden is slated for 2018 with an elevated tree walk and the installation of a pollinator garden.

The Leach Botanical Garden Internship is supported in part through the **Gary W. Simone Horticultural Internship Fund** established in 2016.

POSITION DESCRIPTION & RESPONSIBILITIES

The internship program is designed to offer hands-on experiences for persons aspiring to a career in horticulture, public gardening and landscape architecture or design. The intern will work alongside our horticulture staff and volunteers. This includes planting, weeding, watering/irrigation, mulching, pruning, visitor interaction, plant labeling, inventory and collections record keeping, and public education. Educational field trips and public educational programs are offered to help broaden the student's horticultural horizon.

COMPENSATION & HOUSING

Housing is not provided. However, the Garden can assist with locating housing nearby. This is a 10 week (240 hours total) paid program with hourly compensation at the current Oregon minimum wage.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Previous gardening experience and course work in horticulture, public gardening or landscape design are required. Applicants must be currently enrolled in college programs (including graduate) and have completed their sophomore year with a focus on horticulture, botany, environmental science, landscape architecture or landscape design. We are looking for a student eager to learn and grow in the horticultural field. The successful applicant must be responsible, positive, self-motivated and capable of the strenuous nature of gardening. **Successful candidates will be required to complete a standard Portland Parks & Recreation background check.**

Download application materials from our website: www.leachgarden.org located under the 'Learn' tab, then "School Programs". Use links to application materials. Application deadline is **MARCH 15, 2018**.

