



Berkshire Botanical Garden

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## **SUMMER HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**INTRODUCTION:** This unique summer internship program offers the student the opportunity to work with and learn from two non-profit public gardens. Berkshire Botanical Garden was established in 1934. Located on 15 rural acres, the Garden consists of 26 display gardens and specialty collections, and three greenhouses. Naumkeag, a gilded-age style estate with restored gardens designed by landscape architect Fletcher Steele, is a National Historic Landmark preserved by The Trustees of Reservations. The Trustees is one of Massachusetts' largest non-profits and the nation's first conservation and preservation organization. Both gardens are situated in the beautiful Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts, a few minutes from the center of the historic village of Stockbridge. The area is home to many cultural institutions and numerous natural sites.

**DESCRIPTION:** This college internship program is designed to offer hands-on experience at Naumkeag and Berkshire Botanical Garden for college students aspiring to a career in horticulture, public gardening, and landscape architecture or design. Interns will work with horticulture staff and volunteers in all phases of public garden maintenance and development. This includes planting, weeding, watering, mulching, pruning, and interacting with visitors. Students may also become involved in special projects such as accession records, garden inventories, confirming collections, plant signage, or photography. An ongoing program of intern training sessions, public education programs, and staff field trips are offered to help broaden the students' horticultural horizon. A list of the 2019 offerings is listed below.

Summer internships are for 12 weeks, 40 hours per week and start mid-May. The program includes free shared intern housing at the Naumkeag estate and a stipend of \$10.00/hr.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Previous gardening experience and course work in horticulture, public gardening, or landscape design are required. Junior and senior undergraduate students applying for college credit are preferred. Students must be responsible, self-motivated, and capable of the sometimes strenuous nature of gardening.

**APPLY:** Please submit a cover letter, resume, and an application, which can be downloaded from [www.berkshirebotanical.org/internships](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/internships).

Naumkeag

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**The deadline for applying is March 1, 2020. Earlier applications may receive earlier decision.**

# 2019 Horticultural Intern Training & Enrichment Program at Berkshire Botanical Garden and Naumkeag, Stockbridge, MA

May 20-21: Introduction to the two gardens and the people that work there

Weekly: Prepare a list of the current bloom highlights for visitors

May -June: Reading a planting plan, laying out annuals for planting, adjusting the planting to the site, becoming familiar with annual varieties, planting & mulching annuals, ID labeling of annuals - at Naumkeag and Berkshire Botanical Garden

June 3: Propagation - softwood cuttings and seed starting

June 6: Field trip to Battery Park City, New York City

June 20: Study Berkshire Botanical Garden's perennial collection

June 24: Container designing and planting

July 4: Flower arranging workshop

July 9: Work with the BBG Herb Associates making herb products

July-Aug: Verify the Botanical Garden's rose and daylily collections

July 10: Pruning a hedge and edging beds

July 17: Attend New England Regional Intern Outreach Day at Tower Hill Botanical Garden, Boylston, MA

July 18: Pruning workshop & EAB prevention tree injection- K. Gooch

July 23: Field trip to The Mount, Lenox w/ Gay Tucker

July 24: Pest scouting with Ron Kujawski

August 1: Study trip to local CSA, Woven Roots, Tyringham, MA

August 1: Study the Botanical Garden's woody plants collection

August 8: Field trip- Mohonk Mountain House Gardens, New Paltz, NY