



# 2020 Trial Garden Internship

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## **Internship Description:**

The MSU Horticulture Gardens at Michigan State University is seeking a hardworking, innovative student to assist with many tasks at the 2 acre *Amien A. and Florence M. Carter Annual Trial Garden*. The Trial Garden showcases more than 400 cultivars of annuals, perennials, vegetables, and succulents from breeders from all over the world.

The intern will gain practical, hands-on experience in public gardening. Daedre McGrath, our Trial Garden Manager, will provide learning opportunities for the intern through the evaluation of annuals, perennials, vegetables, and succulents. The intern will be educated in the entire trialing process including growing and maintaining plants in the landscape, data collection and summarization, and communication of the results to growers and gardeners. The intern will have opportunities to network with horticulture professionals during industry events like the [MSU Plant Trial Field Day](#) and attend field trips to the [Michigan Garden Plant Tour](#) and other locations.

## **Schedule and Hours:**

- May 4th through late-August (spring semester work hours also available prior to internship start date)
- 40 hours per week, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Occasional Saturday and Sunday hours
- We may be able to accommodate your summer class schedule (if applicable)

## **Position Requirements:**

Candidate must be available to work May through August. They must be enrolled in a college horticulture program or related field with an interest in public gardens. The ideal candidate will be able to work in a fast-paced outdoor environment, possess good communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills, and have a positive attitude!

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assist with the installation and maintenance of garden areas including edging, rototilling, planting, weeding, watering, dead-heading, fertilizing, spreading compost and mulch, removing debris, and pruning.
- Assist with labelling, organizing, and inventorying all plant material in the greenhouse and outdoors.
- Assist in gathering and summarizing plant data for the trial brochure and website.

**Wage:** \$12.00/hour

## **Interested?**

Please send your resume and a cover letter to Daedre McGrath, [dmcgrath@msu.edu](mailto:dmcgrath@msu.edu)

# Applications due by Friday, February 28, 2020