



SUMMER 2019

HISTORICAL HORTICULTURE INTERNSHIP

Description:

Historical Horticulture interns work alongside the Curator of Museum Gardens and Horticulture staff to gain an inside knowledge of how gardens and landscapes are planned, maintained and interpreted in Plimoth Plantation's unique Living History Exhibits. Interns will work alongside staff in the exhibits and behind the scenes to learn about 17th - century Native and Colonial plant species and gardening techniques and theories, as well as hone their 21st-century horticultural skills. Interns will also have the opportunity to participate in horticulture-related educational programs and special projects under the supervision of the Curator of Museum Gardens.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with daily maintenance of gardens in the Living History Exhibits including but not limited to planting, pruning, weeding, watering, organic fertilizing, propagating, plant identification, and historic and modern plant usage;
- Engage and educate Museum guests about the plants and horticultural practices used historically by English colonists and Native Wampanoag communities;
- Assist the Curator of Museum Gardens with horticulture-related educational programs and special projects.

Qualifications:

The Historical Horticulture position is ideal for students who are studying horticulture, agriculture, botany, and/or public history. The successful candidate will have some experience in horticulture or a related field. A basic understanding of gardening techniques and terminology is preferred, but not required. Candidates should have a willingness to learn through participation and by asking questions to deepen understanding as well as an outgoing personality with good communication skills. Please note that this position requires working outdoors in a wide variety of weather conditions; the ability to climb, lift, carry, stoop, and stand for extended periods of time; and requires a degree of physical strength (lifting up to 50 lbs.). An interest in early colonial New England and/or historical horticulture a plus!

Internship Schedule

June 17 – August 16, 2019

Full-time (35 hours/week), flexible days and hours. Part-time (minimum of 21 hours/week), flexible hours and days. Some weekend or evening work may be required.

Salary

This is an unpaid internship. University credit is available.