2020 Summer Horticulture Internship

Overview
The internship program is designed to offer hands-on experiences for people aspiring to a career in horticulture, public gardens, and landscape design. Leach Botanical Garden is located in outer SE Portland, Oregon, on 16 acres along Johnson Creek. A gift to the City in 1980 by John and Lilla Leach, the Garden has several discrete collections including native plantings, ferns and a magnificent over-story of Douglas-fir. The Leach Botanical Garden Internship is supported in part through the Gary W. Simone Horticultural Internship Fund established in 2016.

Position Description
The intern will work alongside our horticulture staff and volunteers, assisting in all aspects of garden maintenance. Tasks include planting, weeding, watering/irrigation, mulching, pruning, visitor interaction, plant labeling, collections record keeping, habitat monitoring, restoration work, public education and propagation. Educational field trips and public educational programs are offered to help broaden the student's horticultural horizon.

Compensation & Housing
This is a 10 week, 24 hours per week (240 hours total) paid program with hourly compensation at $13.25/hour. Schedule is flexible. Housing is not provided, however the Garden can assist with locating housing nearby.

Application Requirements
Previous gardening experience and course work in horticulture, public gardening or landscape design are required. Applicants must be currently enrolled in accredited horticulture/botany programs. The student should have completed at least one year of plant identification and landscape maintenance classes. The successful applicant must be responsible, positive, self-motivated and capable of the strenuous nature of gardening.

A Portland Parks & Recreation background check will be required prior to hiring.