



Ecology & Entomology Summer Intern

All documents and questions can be directed to:
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Employment Status: Hourly

Salary: \$10/hr, 40 hours a week

Mission Statement

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is *to provide education about the natural environment to people of all ages, and to protect and enhance the Arboretum as a haven and sanctuary for native plants and animals*. Located on the western edge of Memorial Park, the Arboretum encourages visitors to slow down and experience the natural world. This 155-acre urban nature sanctuary provides education about the natural environment to people of all ages and plays a vital role in protecting native plants and animals in the heart of the city.

Job Description

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is looking for an undergraduate or graduate student with an interest in ecology and entomology for a summer internship position. This is a 6 week internship, preferably from May 21 through June 29, however start and end dates are flexible. This is paid, full time position. This internship is designed to help a student perform research, allowing the student to receive school credit hours. Please feel free to have a professor contact us if there is any question about this internship applying to credit hours for your program.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Must be able to work outdoors doing strenuous work in hot and humid weather
- Previous coursework in ecology, plant biology, and entomology would be useful, but not necessary
- Previous coursework, experience, or familiarity with research methods is recommended

Primary Activities and Responsibilities:

- Learn to identify native plants and pollinating insects
- Record plant and insect observations within vegetation plots throughout the Arboretum to help with change over time study
- Help with various conservation projects to gain experience in ecosystem management
- We are open to providing other opportunities for our student interns if they have any requests for feasible side projects.

Interested students will need to send the following documents to Cassidy Kempf, ckempf@houstonarboretum.org, by March 15, 2019:

- Official Transcripts
- A one page resume with work history, software proficiency, and any other relevant information
- A one page cover letter explaining why you are interested in and qualified for this opportunity and what experiences you hope to achieve through the internship
- One letter of recommendation

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