Employment Status: Summer Intern  
Salary: $10/hr up to 40hrs 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.

The Arboretum, one of the first nature education facilities for children in the state of Texas, proudly provides services to over 500,000 visitors annually. The Arboretum also provides nature education for more than 10,000 children annually.

Please visit our website for further information on the history, people, and programs of the Arboretum.  
http://www.houstonarboretum.org/

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 an 8 week internship, preferably from May 25 through July 17, however start and end dates are flexible. This position is up to 40 hours a week, Tuesday-Saturday.

This internship is designed to help a student perform research, allowing them 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 to assist with long-term pollinator study
- Help with various conservation projects to gain experience in ecosystem restoration and management
- We are open to providing other opportunities for our student interns if they have any requests for side projects

Interested students should send the following documents to Stephen Benigno, sbenigno@houstonarboretum.org, by April 13, 2021:
- 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