

Horticulture Internship Position

Position Summary

The Ithaca Children's Garden Horticulture Internship is open to current horticulture students with work study eligibility. The Horticulture Intern will work under the direction of ICG's facilities manager in all areas of garden maintenance for the 3-acre public garden. Areas of focus include a 6,000 sq foot cultivated vegetable garden; wetland, wildflower meadow, and bird habitat natural areas; hundreds of perennial plantings; several art installations; a progressive play area called the Hands-On-Nature Anarchy Zone; and the first phase installation of a large edible forest garden. Upon completion of the program, the student will have acquired practical horticultural knowledge and skills.

Essential Job Functions

- Learn how to identify and grow a wide variety of plant material; woody plants, perennials, annuals.
- Assist with the planting of seasonal garden displays, as well as additional plant material
- Maintain established plantings through watering, fertilizing, weeding, staking, deadheading
- Weeding and invasive plant identification and control
- Small equipment operation; mowers, string trimmers, etc.
- Assist with day to day tasks and tour/event preparations
- Lead volunteers and support horticulture activities in ICG summer programs.
- Follow all safety guidelines and horticulture best practices
- Promote a positive guest experience
- All other duties as assigned

Education, Experience, and Skills Required

- Basic horticulture knowledge with a willingness to learn more
- Able to stand and work for long periods of time
- Ability to lift 50 lbs or more on a regular basis
- Ability to work in all temperature and weather conditions
- Ability to work independently as well in a team setting