



Horticulture Internship

Potter Park Zoo is excited to announce that we will be adding a horticulture internship. This opportunity is aimed at getting students field experience in developing, installing, and maintaining various garden projects in a Zoo setting with special emphasis on conservation. The second focus of the internship is to develop and implement public education to share the important role of native plants, pollinator gardens, and rain gardens in conserving the natural world. Intern work will be supervised by the Parks Manager/Horticulturalist and other staff.



Requirements:

Interns will be working 20-40 hours per week for a minimum of 8 weeks. This is an unpaid internship.

Projects will include primarily outdoor field work.

Interns will have the opportunity to choose a project from a suggested list or special interest projects approved by zoo horticulture staff.

Candidates should be able to stoop, bend, and carry up to 40 pounds as much of their time will be spent at various sites around the zoo. They must be currently enrolled in a college institution. Candidates must be able to provide proof of a negative TB test and willing to submit to a background check if accepted into the program.

Responsibilities may include:

Maintaining current green infrastructure in the zoo.

Developing informative/educational signs for green infrastructure by providing the content for graphics.

Implementing and maintaining native vegetation around the zoo as needed.

Developing and carrying out public education about pollinators, native plants, water quality, rain gardens, etc.

Occasionally assist in developing vegetation in animal exhibits.

Interns will also do other projects as assigned by zoo staff.

How to Apply:

Applications can be filled out on <http://www.mypotterparkzoo.org/intern/>. Submit resumes and cover letters to Megan Weidman at mknight@ingham.org by March 31, 2018 to be considered for the Summer 2018 semester. Interviews to follow in early April.