

## BLOEDEL RESERVE

### 2013 College Internship Program

Compensation: \$11.00 per hour

Schedule: Full time (40 hours per week), for 12 weeks in summer (June to September, start & end dates flexible)

To Apply: Visit <http://www.bloedelreserve.org/join-support-us/opportunities/internships>  
Complete application & cover letter of interest

# Available: 1 to 2

Deadline: May 6

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#### *Summary*

The Bloedel Reserve Internship Program offers students an outstanding opportunity that includes focused work experience, practical skill and leadership development and education in the field of horticulture, and formal instruction on the most important attributes desired by employers. The Internship Program capitalizes on the diversity and uniqueness of its setting: the 150-acre public garden becomes a living laboratory. The Reserve is a unique blend of natural woodlands and beautifully landscaped gardens, including a Japanese Garden, a Moss Garden and Reflection Pool, and the Bloedel's former estate. Though focusing on environmental horticulture and sustainability, this Program will also help prepare students for the fundamental skills and attitudes needed in any career.

The College Intern(s) will work with Staff on a specific final project, for example, designing and planting a seating area near the Swan Pond or creating a plant inventory and map of the Japanese Garden.

#### *Student Experience and Selection*

The mission of the Internship Program is to train the next generation of horticulture professionals and leaders. Students will work full time (40 hours per week) for a total of ten weeks. Four and one half days per week, the content of the Internship Program will center on working with experienced gardeners and horticulturists in a variety of work, guided by a specific list of skills and work experience. This training will be supplemented with one half day of formal instruction from Reserve Staff and members of various occupations in the community. The College Intern(s) will also help Bloedel Reserve Staff supervise the High School Interns. Depending on the student's experience and area of interest, a College Intern may assist or teach classes for the High School Interns.

Applications will be accepted from students from all colleges and universities. Ideal candidates will be junior or senior level students majoring in horticulture, landscape architecture, or a related field, with a passion for the natural environment. Some related work experience is a plus. Selection will be first on the basis of demonstrated interest in horticulture, and secondarily on responsible effort in school work and participation in allied activities.

#### *Horticultural and Garden Experience*

- Work on specific garden renovation projects (including the Japanese Garden)
- Complete group landscape project (2013 – Swan Pond seating area)
- Work daily with a horticulturist in all areas of the garden
- Apply basics of garden maintenance and sustainable horticulture
- Apply safe work practices
- Learn and apply basics of plants propagation, pruning, plant identification, and planting and transplanting

*Formal Instruction* (Participation depends on the student – either attend, assist, or teach)

- Overview of horticulture
- Basic botany
- Plant propagation
- Composting, green waste management, soil biology & fertility
- History, terminology, pruning and maintenance of Japanese gardens
- Public garden management
- Job readiness skills