

# HOUSTON ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER

## Conservation & Ecological Restoration Summer Intern

**Employment Status:** Summer Intern

**Salary:** \$14/hr, up to 40hrs a week, paid bi-weekly

### About the Arboretum

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, this 155-acre urban nature sanctuary encourages visitors to slow down and enjoy the natural world. One of the first nature education facilities for children in the state of Texas, the Arboretum proudly welcomes over 10,000 school children and 600,000 visitors annually. Please visit our website for further information on the history, people, and programs [www.houstonarboretum.org](http://www.houstonarboretum.org).

### Position Description

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is looking for undergraduate students entering their Junior or Senior year, or Seniors that have graduated within the year with an interest in conservation, ecological restoration, and environmental research for a summer internship position. This internship is designed for hands-on environmental work as well as performing research, allowing students to receive university credit hours if applicable.

### Requirements:

- Previous university coursework in ecology, conservation, natural resource management, plant biology, geology or soil sciences, horticulture, forestry, entomology or similar is preferred
- Previous coursework, experience, or familiarity with research and monitoring methods is recommended
- Ability to work in a team with other interns and Conservation Staff
- Must be able to work outdoors performing strenuous work in hot and humid weather
- The ability to lift to 25 pounds, move safely over uneven terrain, climb stairs and work frequently outdoors

### Primary Activities and Responsibilities:

- Assist Conservation staff to undertake best management practices associated with conservation, ecological restoration and natural resource management
- Assist Conservation staff to perform routine facilities maintenance such as trail management
- Manage and assist pilot research studies related to conservation and ecological restoration practices
- Invasive species management, along with various removal methods including herbicide application
- Other duties as assigned

### Additional Details:

- Application deadline March 6
- Selections made by April 3
- 10-week employment timeframe expected May 26 – July 31
- Interns are responsible for their own housing and transportation to and from the Houston Arboretum

### How to Apply:

Submit the documents below to Conservation Director, Stephen Benigno, at [sbenigno@houstonarboretum.org](mailto:sbenigno@houstonarboretum.org).

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

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