

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 <http://www.houstonarboretum.org>.

Job Description

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is looking for undergraduate students entering their Junior or Senior year, or recently graduated students 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. Please have your university contact us if there are any questions about this internship applying to credit hours for your program.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Previous coursework in ecology, conservation, natural resource management, plant biology, horticulture, forestry, entomology, and/or familiarity with local plant and insect species 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:

- Identify native plants and/or wildlife and insects
- Monitor field plots to assist with long-term ecological studies
- Invasive species management, along with various removal methods including herbicide application
- Assist or lead an ongoing or pilot research study related to conservation and ecological restoration practices
- Assist best management practices associated with conservation, ecological restoration and natural resource management including native plant propagation, trail mulching, and assisting staff with daily duties
- Other duties as assigned

Additional Details:

- Application deadline March 7
- Selections made by April 4
- 10-week employment timeframe expected May 27 – August 1
- Responsible for 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.

- 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 what experiences you hope to achieve through the internship