

Botanical Research Institute of Texas @ Fort Worth Botanic Garden Herbarium Curatorial Intern- Spring 2024

This paid internship is potentially eligible for university credit. Applicants must work with their advisor/school to ensure that this experience will provide school credit for them. FWBG| BRIT is willing to complete any paperwork required by the applicant's school program.

Duration: January 29th - May 2024 (flexible, 10 weeks)

Hours per week: 10 (100 hours total)

Schedule: Intern will create a regular weekly schedule that fits within 8am-4pm Mon-Fri. Availability on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays preferred.

Location: Fully onsite in the Philecology Herbarium at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Stipend: \$1500

Application deadline: January 21st

Background

Part of the herbarium's strategic plan is to image all currently filed specimens by the end of 2025. Currently, there are an estimated 150,000 specimens in the collection still to be imaged. The Herbarium Curatorial Intern will help make progress toward this goal. This internship provides experience working with natural history collections and supports plant conservation. We strongly encourage applications from students who are members of underrepresented groups in careers related to museums and collections.

Intern duties and responsibilities

- Prepare and digitize specimens, to include imaging, skeletal transcription, and full transcription (70%)
- Curate specimens to improve quality of materials and data (15%)
- Engage in additional learning opportunities as available (lectures, collecting outings) (10%)
- Create at least one personal reflection outreach product (blog post, photo essay, or similar) (5%)

Required education and experience

- Recent high school graduate OR current undergraduate student
- Competency with cloud-based shared workspaces (Google Workspace, Dropbox, and similar) and team messaging software
- Ability to learn new software platforms

Additional eligibility qualifications

- Perform repetitive tasks while maintaining attention to detail
- Good problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Ability to work independently
- At least 18 years old and able to pass a background check