



FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN

Landscape Design Intern - Summer 2025

This 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: 10 weeks between May 12th and August 15th, 2025. Exact dates TBD, based upon applicant's availability.

Hours per week: 20 hours per week

Schedule: Work should take place between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Thursday.

Fixed weekly schedule will be set based upon applicant's availability, though some flexibility is allowed. Expected absences (e.g. vacations) must be discussed in advance.

Location: Onsite at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, plus some work at our offsite greenhouse facility

Stipend: \$3,000

Application deadline: April 30, 2025

Reports to: Darcy Gustafson – Landscape Architect

Apply: Email your CV/Cover Letter to Darcy at dgustafson@fwbg.org

Background

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden (FWBG) is the largest and oldest botanic garden in Texas. Sprawling over 120 acres, it features 23 specialty gardens, including the Japanese Garden and the historic Rose Garden. The purpose of this internship is to provide real-world experience in the many facets of working within the horticulture department of a public garden. In addition to providing a beautiful place of respite to the public, public gardens are also leaders in plant research and conservation and support both formal and informal learning. The intern will work primarily with the Landscape Architect but will also have opportunities to work with other members of the horticulture department on grounds and in the greenhouses.

Intern duties and responsibilities

- Work towards finishing out a partially complete AutoCAD base map of the entire FWBG campus, under the direction of the Landscape Architect. The data used to complete the base map will come from a collection of garden drawings dating back as far as 1935, plus field measurements to be taken by the applicant.
- Increase familiarity with plants that are native or adapted to DFW
- Develop skills in designing seasonal color displays
- Assist greenhouse staff in training cascade and disbud chrysanthemums for the fall display
- Gather plant material each week to display in the Garden's "What's in Bloom" cart
- Work with members of the education and horticulture departments to create a design for the All-America Selections display bed, which will be entered into the 2025 AAS Landscape Design Challenge
- Create a reflection piece (e.g. slideshow, video) of your experience to present at the end of the internship
- Work productively with staff and volunteers



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- Exhibit the FWBG core values: Respect, Integrity, Collaboration, and Enthusiasm
- Keep detail, organized records and maintain open communication with supervisor
- Perform other horticulture-related duties as assigned

Required education and experience

- Currently pursuing a degree in Landscape Architecture, Horticulture, or related field
- Strong AutoCAD skills
- Experience with F/X Planting (preferred)
- Comfortable working with MS Office
- Basic knowledge of plants that are native or adapted to Texas

Additional eligibility qualifications

- At least 18 years old and able to pass a background check
- Applicants must have reliable transportation to and from the garden for the duration of the internship
- Physical ability to work outdoors or in a greenhouse environment in summer weather
- Ability to work alone, in a team, or as an assistant