

Learning and Engagement Internship – Homeschool Programs Intern

This position is eligible for school credit. Candidates must work with their advisor/school to ensure that this experience will provide school credit for them. FWBG is willing to complete any paperwork required by the school.

Duration: Week of Aug. 18 to week of Dec. 8, 2025 **Hours per week:** 8

Stipend: \$1536

Application Deadline: July 21, 2025

Reports to: Anna SoRelle, Learning Manager for Children & Family Programs

The FWBG Learning and Engagement department seeks a student intern majoring in Education, Child Development, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science, Biology, Agriculture, or a similar field of study.

Internship Summary:

This internship within the FWBG Learning and Engagement department offers hands-on experience supporting a variety of Homeschool programs at the Garden, including Homeschool Days, Homeschool STEM Studios, and the Homeschool Science Fair. Working closely with the learning manager and program facilitators, the intern will assist with program procedures and activities for homeschool children and their families. In addition to gaining valuable insight into educational programming, the intern will have opportunities to grow their teaching skills by developing and leading activities. The internship will culminate in a final presentation, where the intern will share their experiences and learnings with staff.

Intern duties and responsibilities:

- Build positive relationships with children and families while promoting a connection to nature and environmental STEM.
- Foster a culture of support, empathy, teamwork, and joy in experiential learning.
- Model behavior that is positive, inclusive, and solution oriented.
- Support play and learning experiences that develop an appreciation for the natural world, empathy for living things, and awareness of our responsibility toward the environment.
- Assist learning manager and program facilitators in preparing, implementing, and cleaning up program activities.
- Communicate warmly and professionally with children and their families.

- Interact with staff from various departments and volunteers in related program activities.
- Attend orientation, trainings, debriefs, and other meetings or events as necessary.
- Prepare one reflection piece (slide show or video) to be shared as a presentation.
- Exhibit FWBG core values of respect, integrity, collaboration, and enthusiasm.

Learning objectives:

- Cultivate skills in educational program implementation, facilitation, and design.
- Work with diverse program audiences which include a range of ages, incomes, cultural backgrounds, and ability levels.
- Gain experience in public speaking during program facilitation and final presentation.
- Develop proficiency in formal and informal education tools, techniques, philosophies, and best practices.

Skills and background requirements for eligibility:

- Must be at least 18 years old with a clean background check.
- Proficient in basic computer literacy skills.
- Experience working with children preferred.
- Ability to meet the physical demands of working with children in both indoor and outdoor settings, including walking outdoors in seasonal weather conditions, sitting on the ground, and transitioning from sitting to standing easily.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm and respect for the natural world. Be ready to get hands-on and fully immersed in the experience.
- Independent thinking and ability to work alone, in a team, and as an assistant.
- Must be comfortable interacting with members of the public including children ages 3 to 14 and their families.

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Please reach out to Anna SoRelle at asorelle@fwbg.org with any questions.