

Botanical Research Institute of Texas @ Fort Worth Botanic Garden Conservation Seed Bank Laboratory Internship - Summer 2026

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: 10 weeks; May-July (subject to applicant availability).

Hours: Average 20 hours per week for a maximum total of 200 hours.

Schedule: The ideal candidate is available to work on-site during regular business hours 3-4 days a week for a minimum of 5 hours per day.

Location: The Botanical Research Institute of Texas at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Stipend: \$3,000.

Application deadline: 11:59 p.m. March 29, 2026.

Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/GcXq5roFz0PYd6q6>

Background

The BRIT Conservation Seed Bank laboratory and field technician internship aims to provide a qualified applicant with holistic, hands-on experience working in rare Texas native plant conservation, processing, curation, and research. The selected applicant(s) can expect to receive training in the laboratory techniques and best practices required for conservation seed banking, processing, curation, research, and evaluation.

Intern duties and responsibilities

- Become familiar with conservation seed banking protocols and best practices.
- Assist with conservation seed cleaning, processing, curation, research, and evaluation.
- Perform seed viability testing protocols.
- Maintain detailed laboratory notes.
- Organize and upload all generated data and documentation for assigned activities.
- Assist and manage seed bank volunteers as needed.

Required education and experience

- Recent graduate possessing a B.S. or B.A. in biology, environmental sciences, or a closely related field OR an upper-level undergraduate (junior or senior) pursuing a degree in biology, environmental sciences, or a closely related field.
- Must possess basic knowledge of laboratory safety.

Additional eligibility qualifications

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and able to pass a background check.
- Applicants must possess reliable transportation to and from the garden for the duration of the internship.
- Applicants must own long pants and closed toed shoes.
- Top applicants must be willing to participate in a virtual interview prior to final selection.