



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Horticulture Intern

Friends of the High Line (FHL) is the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation's non-profit partner working to ensure the park on the High Line is maintained as an extraordinary public place for all New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy. In addition to overseeing the maintenance, operations, and public programming for the High Line, Friends of the High Line raises nearly all of the High Line's annual operating budget and is currently working to raise the essential private funding to help complete the High Line's construction and create an endowment for its future operations.

Job Description

The High Line Horticulture Intern is an integral part of FHL's Park Operations team. Under the general supervision of FHL's Director of Horticulture, the Horticulture Intern plays an important role in maintaining the High Line and plantings during the spring and summer seasons. This position is for someone looking to build on their education in the field of horticulture by gaining hands-on work experience alongside talented professionals at an innovative and dynamic garden landscape.

The Horticulture Intern is a seasonal position that works from mid-April through mid-August 2014 (some adjust to the work period will be considered). Working interactively with a team of gardeners, volunteers, and other Operations staff, the Horticulture Intern responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Primary Tasks

- Care for diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, grasses, and bulbs, as directed;
- Hand water and monitor irrigation of plantings, especially during time of establishment and drought;
- Perform seasonal landscape work including planting, pruning, clean-up, bulb planting, dividing and transplanting, and leaf removal, as directed;
- Supervise volunteers (individuals and groups) and youth staff in horticulture tasks;
- Scout for pests and disease;
- General clean-up of garden beds and paths, clean-up litter;
- Stage equipment, supplies, and materials for daily horticulture operations;
- Maintain tools and equipment.
- Participate in snow and ice removal, as needed;
- Perform other tasks, as needed.

Qualifications

- Experience in landscape maintenance;
- Detail-oriented, with considerable attention to order and cleanliness throughout the park;
- Willingness to work as part of a team or alone, in all weather conditions;
- Able to work in a dynamic work environment and be a good communicator with staff;
- Ability to perform heavy physical labor (able to lift 40 pounds) on a daily basis;
- Ability to use light power equipment and hand tools;
- Willingness to act as an ambassador for Friends of the High Line, answering questions for park visitors about general park information;
- Experience working with volunteers and youth preferred;
- Able to work overtime, weekends, and holidays as needed;
- Valid NY state driver's license, preferred.

To Apply

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to parkops@thehighline.org. Only those whose applications are being considered will be contacted.

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