

Entomology Intern – Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

ROLE DESCRIPTION:

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is looking for part-time Entomology / Insect Keeper interns. Interns work side-by-side with our Living Collections team and participate hands-on in the husbandry, maintenance and daily care for our living collections consisting of dozens of species of invertebrates. Interns will work in a USDA regulated containment facility and will be trained on the rules, regulations and quarantine protocol associated with such a space.

ABOUT THE ROLE:

- Assists in the day-to-day care of dozens of species of non-venomous invertebrates, including beetles, ants, cockroaches and millipedes
- Works side by side with professional entomologists in a hands-on laboratory setting
- Helps process weekly butterfly pupae shipments from around the world and inspect them for disease, damage, and parasites in accordance with government regulations.
- Participates in various forms of informal education with the public.
- Follows and adheres to established policies and procedures, including but not limited to Employee Handbook, Butterfly House Safety Guidelines and Department Policies.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

The role responsibilities listed are representative and not exhaustive of the knowledge, skill, and/or abilities required.

ABOUT YOU:

- Currently pursuing a major in entomology, biology, animal science, or related field
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Prior experience working with insects is a plus, but not mandatory
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Strong attention to detail
- Willingness to learn
- Lives in the Greater St. Louis, MO area during the internship

This role may require availability on weekends, holidays or evenings to support the Butterfly House's Living Collections team.



OUR BENEFITS:

- Unpaid internship; candidates have the capability of earning course credit
- Part-time role of appx. 15-20 hours per week
- Extensive, hands-on learning opportunities with professional entomologists
- Complimentary admission into the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House, Missouri Botanical Garden, and Shaw Nature Reserve (with valid Intern ID)
- Discounts in gift shops and the Garden's Sassafras Cafe

ABOUT US:

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is a division of the Missouri Botanical Garden located in Chesterfield, Missouri. The Butterfly House supports the Garden's overall mission to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment by fostering a greater understanding of plant and animal relationships to promote the conservation and restoration of natural habitats.

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is home to over 60 tropical butterfly species and over 150 tropical plant species, in our enclosed 8,000 square foot Tropical Conservatory. This breath-taking garden habitat, combined with the beauty of the butterflies, is the heart of the Butterfly House. In addition to the butterfly collection, the Butterfly House is home to approximately 50 other species of insects, arachnids and other invertebrates. The entire facility, which also includes an insect zoo, classrooms, theater space, and a seasonal Native Butterfly Garden, is open year-round.

