

Horticulture Intern – Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

ROLE DESCRIPTION:

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is looking for part-time Horticulture Interns. Interns will assist with opening horticulture tasks, general maintenance of the tropical conservatory and outdoor pollinator gardens, and larger seasonal horticulture projects.

ABOUT THE ROLE:

- Assists with opening tasks, including watering tropical conservatory and outdoor gardens, clearing pathways, and tidying plants and beds in preparation for guest arrival.
- Learns and executes many typical horticultural practices, including how to water, fertilize, weed, mulch, plant, and scout for plant pests, using a variety of horticultural hand and power tools.
- Learns and executes plant-specific pruning, watering, and maintenance techniques.
- Practices plant identification of our tropical and native collections, as well as seasonal annuals and weeds.
- Observes plant-animal interactions and learns to identify native pollinators.
- Interacts with visitors to answer basic questions and assists while entering and exiting the tropical conservatory.
- Assists with maintenance of indoor and outdoor ponds (includes waterlily care in the summer months)
- Completes a project to support our horticulture program, to be displayed as the end of the internship.
- 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 horticulture or related field
- Past gardening or nursery experience is a plus
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Strong attention to detail
- Willingness to learn and adapt to new practices, as needed
- Ability to work on your feet in high temperatures and humidity



- Ability to work stooped over for extended periods
- Ability to lift 50 lbs
- Lives in the Greater St. Louis, MO area

OUR BENEFITS:

- Unpaid internship; candidates have the capability of earning course credit
- Part-time role of appx. 15-20 hours per week
- Wide range of gardening environments
- 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. The entire facility, which also includes an insect zoo, classrooms, theater space, and a seasonal Native Butterfly Garden, is open year-round.

