Great Milkweed Grow Out Intern

Put your passion for the desert to work. To apply for an open position, please forward resume and letter of interest to hr@dbg.org, fax to: 480.481.8173, or mail to:

Human Resources
Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Part-time, Temporary

This paid internship is grant-funded, intended for one semester. The intern will work no more than 15 hours per week.

Assist in the activities of Great Milkweed Grow Out, including native plant propagation, community outreach, research and to develop skills in the field of habitat conservation & plant propagation while working with Garden professionals.

About Great Milkweed Grow Out:
Great Milkweed Grow Out, the Garden’s monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation initiative, works to grow native milkweeds and nectar plants for monarch butterflies and pollinators, engage the community in monarch and pollinator conservation and conduct research into the best native milkweeds for monarchs and pollinators. At the Garden, we propagate thousands of milkweeds and other nectar plants native to Arizona each year, including some species that are not otherwise in cultivation. We are developing protocols to grow these little-understood species so they can be used later for habitat restoration and research.

Duties and Responsibilities:
With training and support from staff, the Great Milkweed Grow Out Intern will:

- Assist with repotting milkweed seedlings into larger pots.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator plant seeds into cones and pots.
- Collect data about seed germination rates.
- Help with development of growing protocols for native milkweeds and pollinator plants.
- Maintain soil mixes for repotting and seeding.
- Work closely with Garden volunteers.
- Assist as needed with seed and plant distribution.
• Other duties as assigned

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**
1. Desire to learn more about native plant propagation and habitat restoration or interest in a related career.
2. Excellent communication skills.
3. Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
4. Ability to bend, stoop and move wheelbarrows.
5. A valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record.

Reasonable accommodation may be made, where necessary, to allow a qualified individual to perform essential job functions.

Desert Botanical Garden is an Equal Opportunity Employer and considers all applicants without regard to race, religion, color, sex, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, age, national origin, veteran status, disability, or any other status protected by law.

The Garden fosters and supports workplace diversity, equity and inclusion to honor the unique perspectives, experiences and contributions of all, to celebrate successes and to cultivate individual and institutional excellence.

The benefits of regular employment at Desert Botanical Garden include a stunning environment, competitive benefits package, complimentary family membership, employee cultural exchange, wellness initiatives and discounts.