

Hermitage Museum & Gardens
Public Garden Internship Overview
Horticulture | Ecology | Education
Semester-Based

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP

The Hermitage Museum & Gardens offers a unique internship opportunity for students and emerging professionals interested in horticulture, ecology, art, education, and nonprofit museum operations. Interns will engage in hands-on garden management, cross-departmental learning, and independent research to deepen their understanding of public garden stewardship and interpretation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Develop practical skills in managing and curating a diverse landscape of gardens, woodlands, and wetlands.
2. Gain insight into how public garden management intersects with education, public events, and marketing.
3. Research and present a garden-related topic that enhances knowledge or practice within the Hermitage Gardens.

SAMPLE RESEARCH TOPICS

- A current problem in the gardens that needs a solution
- A historical or underexplored aspect of the gardens
- Potential improvements in sustainability, access, or interpretation
- A reflective narrative on your learning experience at the Hermitage

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- Interest in horticulture, conservation, public gardens, or museum education
- Some physical labor is required outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Availability during weekdays with occasional flexibility for department meetings
- Strong research, writing, and communication skills