



Horticulture Internship

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Fort Ticonderoga seeks candidates for a two-month horticulture internship. The Horticulture Internship provides hands-on and practical horticulture experience in formal public historic gardens, greenhouses and natural area settings in the context of a four-century layered landscape of various uses. The Horticulture Intern, working with others in the Horticulture team, will expand their experience in pruning, planting, cultivation and garden management, including the management of weeds and invasive species, and control of various garden pests. The work may include opportunities in the fruit and vegetable production gardens. The Horticulture Intern will delve into the legacy of this historic landscape and its role in American history. There also is the opportunity to work on a special project of the candidate's interest, such as research into historic varieties, or preparation of interpretive materials, in collaboration with curators and staff, as well as the Horticulturist-in-Residence, Dr. Ann Hazelrigg, Extension Associate Professor at the University of Vermont. Students seeking academic credit should make arrangements in advance with their institution. The Horticulture Intern will also have opportunities to interact with museum and curatorial staff, and to gain experience with visitor interaction and education. Tours of regional horticultural sites can be arranged for professional development.

Location

Fort Ticonderoga is on the picturesque and western shore of Lake Champlain; in the town of Ticonderoga approximately 1.5 hours drive south of Burlington, VT and 2 hours north of Albany. Many natural and outdoor activities are nearby, including many on Lake George, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondack mountains. Being in a rural location, having access to a car is essential.

Course Credit

With faculty approval, University of Vermont student interns may receive UVM college credit for completing this internship. Students can contact Career Services or Ann Hazelrigg (ann.hazelrigg@uvm.edu) to determine the best way to receive credit.

Payment

Hourly rate of \$18/hr. (taxable) and will be provided with self-catering accommodation on the Fort grounds, if needed (if not needed, please mention so in your application).

Closing Date

Applications should be received by March 15, 2025.

Internship Date

The internship will run from June through August (exact dates to be determined with intern).

Responsibilities

- ❖ Work closely with the Horticulture Foreman to ensure that the formal garden is maintained to a very high standard and in a style that respects the original Marian Cruger Coffin walled garden plan, and other gardens representing the four centuries of horticultural history.
- ❖ Proper care, treatment and ongoing maintenance of the formal walled garden, thematic gardens on site, production greenhouse, appropriate trees and orchard plantings, and open spaces.
- ❖ Preparing planting beds, and assisting with planting and removal of both annual and perennials, including dividing perennials.
- ❖ Maintaining the formal garden space includes watering, planting, weeding, pruning, deadheading, mulching, propagation of cultivated species, and overall plant health including insects and diseases. Being a public garden, methods and practices are employed that are sustainable, organic or least toxic (environmentally friendly) and safe for the visiting public. On-site composting and recycling of garden organic waste are included.
- ❖ Perform tours of the formal gardens, and act as a representative and ambassador of the King's Garden for potential future interns, external guests, and others.
- ❖ Appropriate to the level of engagement with the production gardens, plant, care for, harvest, and deliver fruits and vegetables as needed, and engage with the on-site kitchen team to build awareness of the harvest and availability.
- ❖ Assist with propagation of plants and seed collection, and contribute to the development of protocols for these processes.
- ❖ Other special projects or duties as assigned or needed.
- ❖ The intern will document (weekly) any learning and skill development, which could be in the form of a journal. This will be shared with supervisory staff at the end, and serve the intern in future career pursuits.

Education and Experience

- ❖ Enrollment or recent graduate from a horticulture-related program.
- ❖ Relevant coursework or work experience in horticulture and landscape management.
- ❖ Relevant coursework or experience with historic properties may be beneficial but is not required.

Work Skills & Conduct

- ❖ Enthusiasm for the horticultural field, and interest in historic landscapes.
- ❖ Ability to concentrate on a task for long periods of time.
- ❖ Ability to work independently and also as a part of a team.
- ❖ Dependable and collaborative team player.
- ❖ Good time-management, communication and organizational skills.
- ❖ Capacity to operate normal garden machinery, such as roto tillers, edgers and trimmers.
- ❖ Ability to meet physical requirements of working outside, in varied weather conditions in a garden space.
- ❖ Ability to exhibit safe and responsible conduct in outdoor environments.
- ❖ Ability to lift 30 pounds.

- ❖ Showcase a professional, friendly, and helpful attitude when engaging guests while completing garden tasks in a timely and quality manner.
- ❖ Dress in a safe & professional manner:
 - ❖ Clean and neat shorts or pants worn to the waist (no sagging, no writing, rips, tears, etc.)
 - ❖ No flip-flops or flimsy shoes. Work boots are recommended.
 - ❖ Hats, Sunglasses, & Sunscreen recommended.

To apply send letter of interest, resume, including relevant experience or coursework, and one letter of recommendation to Stuart Lilie, Vice President of Public History, Fort Ticonderoga Association at 30 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 or e-mail SLilie@fort-ticonderoga.org Faxed applications can be sent to 518-585-2210. For more information call 518-585-6190. For additional information on Fort Ticonderoga visit www.fort-ticonderoga.org. Application deadline is March 15, 2025.