NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Program Operation: Aug. 17 – Nov. 18, 2020
Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2020
Notification of Acceptance: June 1, 2020
Primary campus location: Kalāheo/Lāwa‘i Valley, Island of Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i

COURSE DESCRIPTION

NTBG’s Internship Program is designed for energetic and motivated individuals. Interns will work side-by-side with staff caring for and learning about the plant collections, including native Hawaiian species, breadfruit, and other tropical species. The schedule includes on-the-ground introduction and training, lectures, or workshops by NTBG staff faculty on plant propagation, plant records/mapping, botany, ethnobotany, restoration ecology, conservation, and other plant-related topics. For students interested in the establishment, development, and maintenance of a botanical garden, this is an excellent work study opportunity for college & university level students & other adults to gain valuable, practical experience in a tropical setting.

Applicants must:

- Be a college-level student or have relevant experience or education
- Show an aptitude and strong interest in tropical horticulture, botany, conservation, ethnobotany, or science-related fields with mature career goals in this direction
- Be able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. upon start of employment

Applications - Complete online at ntbg.org/courses to include the following PDF attachments:

- two (2) letters of recommendation
- a copy of transcripts
- resume

Lodging is available upon request. Interns are responsible for their own airfares to/from Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i, own meals (suggest allow at least $25/day), and own ground transportation, with the exception of airport pickup/drop-off and program days pick-up/drop off for those staying in Garden housing.

Interns receive a weekly stipend equivalent to the U.S. minimum wage. Interns are covered under NTBG worker’s compensation and must pass a pre-enrollment drug screening to be arranged by NTBG.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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The mission of the National Tropical Botanical Garden is to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of tropical regions.

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*Sample Schedule from a prior year included with this announcement. This sample is provided for background information purposes only; current year schedule is subject to change.*