



NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN FALL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2021

Program Operation:	Aug. 30 – Nov. 19, 2021
Deadline to Apply:	July 3, 2021
Notification of Acceptance:	July 30, 2021
Campus location:	National Tropical Botanical Garden locations in Kalaheo and Haena, Kauai, Hawaii; Hana, Maui, Hawaii, and Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

NTBG's Fall Internship Program is designed as an excellent work and study opportunity for undergraduate students and high school graduates to gain valuable, practical experience and a broad overview of all aspects of horticultural excellence in a tropical botanical garden set-up. Interns will work side-by-side with staff caring for and learning about tropical plant collections, including native species, endangered species, ornamental species, fruits and crops. The schedule includes on-the-ground introduction and training, and an online academic program consisting of weekly lectures, assignments and interactive discussions with NTBG science and horticulture staff and fellow interns. Themes will include plant identification, international regulations, managing plant collections, plant assessment, propagation, soil sciences, pests and diseases, landscape planning, useful plants and other special collections, plant interactions, conservation, biocultural stewardship and place, and communication. A total of five interns will be hired: one each will be based at each of NTBG's five gardens in Hawaii and Florida and receive a weekly online training program as a cohort.

Applicants must:

- Be a High School graduate or equivalent.
- Show an aptitude and strong interest in tropical horticulture, botany, conservation, ethnobotany, or science-related fields with 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](https://www.ntbg.org/courses) to include the following as PDF attachments:

- one (1) letter of recommendation
- proof of graduation
- resume

Interns receive a weekly stipend equivalent to \$13.00 per hour. Interns are eligible for certain NTBG benefits and must pass a pre-employment drug screening. *Note that interns must provide their own housing and transportation for this program.*

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Fall Internship Program - Education Office
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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. Website: www.ntbg.org, education@ntbg.org, (808) 332-7324 ext. 204.