



**Title:** Ecology Intern

**Department:** Ecology

**Status:** Paid part-time, Temporary (May through August) or (August through October)

**Supervisor:** Research Botanist

**Position Description:** This position works under the direction of the Research Botanist to support the development, maintenance and management of native plant gardens and natural areas at the Museum of Northern Arizona throughout the 2022 summer and fall seasons. The interns will gain experience in native plant identification and ecology, botany, horticulture, ecological restoration, plant propagation, seed production and processing and land stewardship.

**Responsibilities:**

- Daily care of native plant gardens and natural areas.
- Coordinating, planning, and leading volunteers caring for native plant gardens and natural areas.
- Participate in surveys and ecologically sound management of non-garden areas, including invasive plant removal.
- Becoming a member of the MNA community and participating in Museum events.

**Key Relationships:**

- In addition to working with the Research Botanist, interns will also work closely with the Facilities Director when needed.
- When working with volunteers, coordinates with the Volunteer Manager.

**Education and Experience Requirements:**

- Must be a student of Art or Science. (formal or informal education)
- Demonstrate a strong interest in native plants, gardens and natural areas

**Abilities, Skills, and Knowledge:**

- Enjoys working with the public in a hands-on outdoor environment.
- Possesses excellent organizational skills and be detail oriented.
- Is self-motivated, able to multitask and interact with a variety of audiences.
- Is dependable, responsible, flexible, and trustworthy.
- Possesses communication skills, works well with individuals possessing diverse skills and backgrounds.
- Possesses the ability to be aware of cultural sensitivities in a professional museum setting.

**Working Conditions:**

- Total of 160 hrs through the season, with hours fluctuating based on the need.
  - Weekends and extended hours are required during special events.
  - Must be able to endure extended hours of moderate labor, hiking and walking on uneven terrain
- Work is primarily outdoors and will be done in cold, hot, sunny, wet and dry ambient conditions.
- This is a paid, educational internship.
  - Must successfully pass a background check.

**To apply, please submit:**

- Cover letter describing interests and background.
- Resume with academic, personal, and employer references.



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- Copy of unofficial university transcripts or other if applicable
- Two letters of recommendation, one from an instructor or mentor, and one from an employer.

Email is the preferred method of application submission: [employment@musnaz.org](mailto:employment@musnaz.org). If you are not able to submit your application via email, please call Jill Thomas in HR at 928-774-5211, ext. 203 to receive additional instructions for application submission.

### **Additional Information:**

- Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.
- Two internship positions are available. The first begins on May 9, 2022, and ends on August 12, 2022; the second begins on August 15, 2022 and ends on October 31, 2022.
- Housing may be available and is at the discretion of the Museum Director.

Further questions may be directed to Research Botanist Jan Busco at [jbusco@musnaz.org](mailto:jbusco@musnaz.org).

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