

Arborist Intern 2019 Season

Awbury Arboretum

Awbury Arboretum Association oversees 55 acres of free public green space in Northwestern Philadelphia. The mission of Awbury is

To preserve and interpret Awbury's historic house and landscape, thereby connecting an urban community with nature and history.

Awbury's staff includes a landscape team focused on maintaining the grounds, but also improving them through projects focused on controlling invasive plants, preserving historic landscape features, and maintaining a diverse tree collection.

Position Details

When: May-October flexible start & end date with a maximum of 24 weeks

Weekly Schedule: Monday–Friday 40 hours

Daily start and end times 6:30-7am to 3-3:30pm.

Weekends: potential two Saturdays for Community Events.

No work on holidays.

Pay rate \$12.50 per hour

Position Description

The Arborist intern will focus on activities to enhance the future of the Arboretum's tree collection, while enhancing their knowledge of caring for individual and collections of trees. The intern's daily activities will be based on the landscape's management plan, yearly goals, and any arising needs, such as storm damage. The intern will need to be comfortable working independently, as part of the landscape team, and overseeing volunteers. All employees of Awbury are expected to know the general history of the Arboretum, current activities, and act as a resource for guests at any given time.

Focus/Activities

Awbury Tree Collection: Mapping and labeling trees, creating and leading walking tours, and aiding in the formation of a new curatorial system

Heritage Tree Population: Assist in documenting the condition of the Heritage trees' and correlate a maintenance plan. Work under the guidance of our Arborist in pruning, climbing, and other maintenance activities.

Young Tree Population: Carry out general maintenance to ensure specified young trees' healthy establishment. Perform and teach proper planting, and pruning techniques.

Participate with Awbury's public outreach: working with volunteers, assisting guests of the Arboretum, as well as participating in seasonal community events.

Qualifications

Experience: Bachelor's degree in horticulture, forestry, botany or related field,

Or

Equivalent work experience with an arborist or experience related supervisor

Able to identify common native plants as well as basic botanical knowledge such as plant parts, pruning, planting, and common diseases

Live within an adjacent zip code to 19138

Able to lift 50+ pounds, work in various weather conditions and able to dress appropriately

Willing to safely handle and work amongst poison ivy; training and protective wear provided

Written and verbal communication skills including fluency with Microsoft programs: Word, Power point, Excel, and the internet particularly using email.

Experience with GIS software not necessary but preferred

Valid driver's license and full background check

Interested applicants please email or mail resume and cover letter

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Upon call for interview please be able to provide three contacts for recommendations

Applications Due by February 25, 2019

Announcement will be week of March 11, 2019