Internship Opportunity for Students Interested in Historic Gardens and Community Gardens

Nemours Estate is a 225 acre public garden first established in 1910. Its benefactor, Alfred I. duPont, also established the Nemours Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, which shares our campus. In addition to providing a first class experience for guests in our formal gardens and natural areas, in recent years Nemours Estate has been engaging with the Hospital on a variety of projects, most notably the SoDel Cares Can-Grow Garden. This area is being used to help educate families and associates of ways to access fresh fruits and vegetables with limited growing space. The intern position will not only assist in all aspects of the care, maintenance, and interpretation of a historic public garden, but will also assist in providing quality engagement activities in the Courtyard with the Hospital's patients, families, and associates.

Student interns will gain experience in task management and public engagement, as well as develop professional presentation skills. Interns will be given the opportunity to visit local public gardens, attend workshops on community gardening and food insecurity, and develop a presentation to be given to patients, families, and associates in the Courtyard Garden as part of our speaker series.

This is a paid internship for 1 applicant.

Pay is $12.50 per hour.

Student interns must be able to work in all weather conditions and to lift 30 pounds on a regular basis. Student interns must complete background checks to work in and public facing environment. Opportunities will begin in late spring/early summer. Majority of work will occur in summer 2019. Estimate 35 hours per week starting May 20. Adjustments can be made to accommodate summer travel.

Required skills:

- Highly organized
- Detail oriented
- Self-motivated
- Strong analytical skills
- Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access
- Comfortable working independently and in a team
- Eager to share ideas and knowledge
- Responsive to team and supervisor communications
- Interest in sustainability
- Able to lift 30 pounds
- Successfully complete background check
- Experience or course work related to plant ID, plant maintenance, horticulture, permaculture, vegetable gardening.
- Sophomore or above
- GPA of 3.25 or above

TASKS:
● Garden Maintenance (with guidance from Nemours Estate management team and garden staff)
   a. Daily maintenance tasks in relation to maintenance of historic public garden
   b. Engage guests and visitors in connecting with the outdoor environment
   c. Maintaining SoDel Cares Can-Grow Garden
   d. Propagating vegetable and herbs for use in container garden
   e. Assist in activities delivered by Nemours staff in Can-Grow Garden

Please send a resume and one-page letter of interest, 500 words or less, by May 16, including current GPA and how the proposed internship would further your short- and long-term career goals.

Send all resumes and letters to kenneth.darsney@nemours.org.