Job Title: Research Specialist
Position Type: Full-time (40 hours/week, occasionally weekends), 1 year position
Application deadline: We will begin reviewing applications on September 21. Applications submitted after this date will be considered if the position has not been filled.
Anticipated Start Date: Negotiable start date from October 15, 2018 – January 1, 2019

Description: The Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) is recruiting a research specialist to carry out woodland restoration research and management activities in the lab and field. The specialist’s job duties will include treatment of invasive species using various mechanical (i.e., loppers, chainsaws, etc.) and chemical methods; seed and soil collection and processing; tracking changes in the distribution and abundance of native and exotic species; monitoring vegetation plots; photo point monitoring in restored areas; growing and propagating rare plant species for scientific experiments; collecting scientific data; maintaining scientific experiments on plant-soil interactions; installing experimental study plots; entering and organizing project data; assisting MBG staff and volunteers with other research, management, and restoration tasks including prescribed fire management. The specialist will be expected to work both alone and with a team of students, interns, volunteers, and key project staff. A majority of the field work will take place at Shaw Nature Reserve (Gray Summit, MO).

Qualifications, Work Environment, and Physical Demands:
• Bachelor’s degree in ecology, botany, or a related discipline required. An equivalent combination of skills, education, and experience may be considered.
• Minimum of 1-3 years experience conducting fieldwork and collecting data in scientific experiments.
• Demonstrated experience treating and managing invasive plant species.
• Strong technical skills; demonstrated ability to use Microsoft Excel.
• Solid experience with GPS navigation units and managing spatial data.
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; demonstrated ability to communicate effectively at all levels and work with diverse teams.
• Scheduling flexibility that allows occasionally working weekends, holidays, and evenings.
• Willingness and flexibility to travel for up to 5 days at a time and work outdoors in all weather conditions and, at times, stay in motels/hotels in rural areas of Missouri.
• Strong organizational skills and ability to multitask.
• Ability to lift 35 lbs and over.
• Required to maintain a valid driver’s license.
• Familiarity with Midwestern flora highly desired.
• The requirements and duties listed above are representative and do not constitute an exhaustive list of the knowledge, skill, and/or abilities required.

Application Procedure: Interested candidates may apply for this position online by submitting their resume at the following web address: https://usr54.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/MBG/Posting/View/189. For questions regarding the position, please contact Leighton Reid (leighton.reid@mobot.org) and Matthew Albrecht (matthew.albrecht@mobot.org).