

Urban Flower Field Stewardship Team

Description – The Fullerton Arboretum’s flower field is a 1/8-acre seasonal display space that allows visitors the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of flowers, watch the field grow and change through the seasons, and learn about botanical and horticultural topics. The flower field encourages guests to revisit the arboretum to witness changes in the field and offers the Arboretum a fundraising opportunity. Interns will use the field as an outdoor laboratory to gain real-world experience. They will steward the Arboretum’s flower field and build programming and interpretive content around the field. Arboretum Horticulture Staff members will supervise and mentor the student interns.

Responsibilities

- Maintain flower field plants, weeds, irrigation, fencing and surrounding area
- Harvest flowers for sale and other events
- Plan events that are centered around the flower field
- Develop a planting plan for subsequent plantings
- Develop interpretive signage and other content
- Provide in-person interpretation to arboretum visitors
- Organize volunteer work days
- Promote the flower field and arboretum on social media and through other avenues
- Create a presentation and/or poster at the end of the semester

Availability – This program is open to a group of up to 6 student interns in the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. CSUF students in any major from freshman to senior class levels are eligible.

Time Commitment – Interns will be expected to work at least 8 hours per week for a total of 120 hours per semester. Time will consist of work/activity days, independent research and team meetings.

Student Learning Objectives

- Learn horticultural practices and general ecological principles
- Team work, team building, team management and leadership skills
- Project and event planning, coordination and implementation
- Environmental education with emphasis on interpretive signage and in-person informal education
- Integrated pest management principles
- Experience in recruitment and interview process
- Building relationships with campus community members and a stronger connection to campus
- Students engaged in promoting sustainability and beautification of campus
- Develop cross-disciplinary skills and work with students from other majors
- Develop soft skills that are applicable to any work place

Application Process – Register with the Center for Internships and Community Engagement. Provide the arboretum with a resume and cover letter explaining why you would like to participate in this internship program and what makes you a good candidate. Interns are responsible for arranging course credit with their adviser.