



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Horticulture Intern

Friends of the High Line raises 98% of the High Line's annual budget. Owned by the City of New York, the High Line is a public park maintained, operated, and programmed by Friends of the High Line, in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

Job Description

The High Line Horticulture Intern is an integral part of FHL's Park Operations team. Under the general supervision of FHL's Director of Horticulture, the Horticulture Intern plays an important role in maintaining the High Line and plantings during the spring and summer seasons. This position is for someone looking to build on their education in the field of horticulture by gaining hands-on work experience alongside talented professionals at an innovative and dynamic garden landscape. Work with public programs and communications, occasional field trips and other enrichment opportunities are provided.

The Horticulture Intern is a seasonal position that works from March through August (adjustment to the work period will be considered for those with school schedules). Working interactively with a team of gardeners, volunteers, and other Operations staff, the Horticulture Intern responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Primary Tasks

- Care for diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, grasses, and bulbs, as directed;
- Hand water and monitor irrigation of plantings, especially during time of establishment and drought;
- Perform seasonal landscape work including planting, pruning, clean-up, bulb planting, dividing and transplanting, and leaf removal, as directed;
- Work with volunteers (individuals and groups) and youth staff in horticulture tasks;
- Scout for pests and disease;
- General clean-up of garden beds and paths, clean-up litter;
- Stage equipment, supplies, and materials for daily horticulture operations;
- Maintain tools and equipment.
- Participate in snow and ice removal, as needed;
- Perform other tasks, as needed.

Qualifications

- Experience in landscape maintenance;
- Detail-oriented, with considerable attention to order and cleanliness throughout the park;
- Willingness to work as part of a team or alone, in all weather conditions;
- Able to work in a dynamic work environment and be a good communicator with staff;
- Ability to perform heavy physical labor (able to lift 40 pounds) on a daily basis;
- Ability to use light power equipment and hand tools;
- Willingness to act as an ambassador for Friends of the High Line, answering questions for park visitors about general park information;
- Experience working with volunteers and youth preferred;
- Able to work overtime, weekends, and holidays as needed;
- Valid driver's license, preferred.

To Apply

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and salary requirements through our applicant portal:

<https://thehighline.workable.com/j/97DD0E993E>.

Only those whose applications are being considered will be contacted. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but reviewed at the end of December through early February until position is filled.

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