

The Idaho Botanical Garden is southern Idaho's largest public garden with 15 acres of cultivated plant collections.



Vegetable Garden Internship

The Idaho Botanical Garden (IBG) Vegetable Garden is a 1.5 acre space devoted to teaching adults and children a variety of topics related to growing fruits and vegetables. Garden beds are themed by subjects such as sustainable pest management, permaculture, cultivar selection, edible flowers, intensive gardening and more. Interpretive signage, a "Vegucation Resource Hut" and a self-guided tour provide visitors with tools to learn more from the space. Programs such as adult classes, school field trip tours, and a children's summer camp all directly use the Vegetable Garden to deepen the public's understanding of this remarkably important subject. Produce from the Garden is donated to a local women's and children's shelter.

Internship Experience

The Vegetable Garden Intern will assist the Garden Lead and Vegetable Gardener with on-going horticulture projects and tasks such as watering, planting, weeding, composting, thinning, harvesting and much more. IBG is committed to providing each intern with a solid educational experience, wherein garden staff explain the importance and science behind each project and answer any questions along the way. Interns will learn horticultural maintenance techniques involved in caring for annual display beds, and may assist with educational installations.

100 hours minimum. Start date and individual work hours will be scheduled with the Assistant Horticulture Director (shifts are a minimum of 4 hours).

Compensation

Internships are paid at \$8.00/hr, and receive a one-year Household Membership to the Garden, a one-year American Public Gardens Association membership, and free admission to adult education classes during their employment at IBG.

A seasonal staff position may be offered after the completion of the internship.

Application Requirements

- Demonstrated career interest in horticulture, agriculture, or related subject
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to do physical labor outdoors in all weather conditions, and carry up to 30 lbs
- Commitment to a minimum 100 hour internship
- Submit to a background check



Vegetable Garden Internship (cont.)

Vegetable Garden Interns will learn

- Diverse methods to care for fruit and vegetable crops from professional staff
- Understanding of integrated pest management (IPM) techniques and philosophy
- An appreciation for community food systems and food security measures
- Approaches to educational horticulture, and interpretive outdoor education

All IBG Interns will gain

- Experience working at a growing, nationally recognized public garden
- Practical knowledge with a variety of horticulture techniques
- Manual skills related to equipment, tool and vehicle usage
- Experience working closely with a team of knowledgeable professionals
- An understanding of the structure and operations of a public garden
- A 1 year Household Membership to the Idaho Botanical Garden

How to Apply

Send a cover letter with description of career goals, resume, and two reference contacts to IBG's Assistant Horticulture Director, Sierra Lavery at sierra@idahobotanicalgarden.org.