



HIGHLANDS
BIOLOGICAL STATION

Botanical Garden Assistant

Wage: \$300 per week (\$7.50 /hr), free group housing, and possible college internship credit.

Hours: Full-time, seasonal (40 hours per week, no overtime or benefits available), *position is from mid-May through mid-August*, with specific dates to be determined.

Description: Supervised by the HBS Botanical Garden horticulturist, the Botanical Garden Assistants will assist in identification, labeling, and maintenance of more than 450 native plant species and will help to maintain the grounds and gardens, trails, boardwalks, and bridges throughout the 24-acre campus. This position will include working with the HBS Botanical Garden Committee, a volunteer group, and working with the public to interpret the natural history of local plants and identify native plant species within the garden. Interns will develop and lead weekly garden tours. This job may involve heavy lifting (no more than 50 lbs.) and will sometimes involve working without supervision and in rainy weather. Occasionally, the individual may be asked to assist other Station employees in the office, library, or Nature Center or with special events.

The successful applicant must be able to trim, cut, and pile brush; use a shovel, hoe, and other garden tools, as well as a wheel barrow, to do general gardening and trail repairs; help with lawn mowing and lawn maintenance on the campus; learn to identify wildflowers; collect and mount plant specimens; learn to make plant labels; and assist others as required.

To apply: Send cover letter, resume, and a list of 3 references to Associate Director Jason Love at jlove@wcu.edu.

Qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants who are students (or recent graduates) with a major in biology, botany, horticulture, or some other environmental science. The ideal candidate should have training and/or experience in field botany, landscaping, and working with the public. Familiarity with southern Appalachian plant species and with horticultural practices is desirable. Applicants need to be eligible to work in the United States and have a valid driver's license.

Application materials must be received by March 13, 2020. For additional information please call 828-787-2820 or jlove@wcu.edu.

The Highlands Biological Station is a multi-campus center of Western Carolina University. It is recognized as a tobacco free campus.