

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Botany Internship

CMBG Mission: The mission of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is to inspire meaningful connections among people, plants and nature through horticulture, education and research.

Internship Mission: This internship prepares students to enter the field of botany and herbarium curation by providing hands-on experience with plant identification, collecting, specimen preparation and information management in the Research Department of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

Academic/Experiential-Learning Nexus: Botanical Research and Herbarium Curation

Position Summary: The Botany Intern will assist with the Midcoast Flora Project, an ongoing effort to study and document the wild plants of MidCoast Maine. Under the supervision and mentorship of the Research Botanist, the Botany Intern will have the opportunity to:

- Visit numerous types of natural communities within a 50-mile radius to study and collect plant specimens
- Prepare botanical voucher specimens for accession in the CMBG herbarium
- Assist with information management in the Herbarium and for the Midcoast Flora Project
- Work collaboratively with other members of the Midcoast Flora Project and CMBG volunteers

Qualifications: The successful candidate will have had coursework in botany, ecology and plant systematics. They should have familiarity with the conventions of plant nomenclature and the flora of New England. Experience using databases, spreadsheets and GIS is preferred. Ability to read maps is essential. Work on some days will involve bending, digging, walking over uneven terrain, and working outdoors in a variety of climatic conditions.

Schedule: This is a twelve-week internship at 35 hours/week from late May to mid-August. Flexible start and end date. There is an hourly wage for this internship. The successful candidate is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the workplace. Assistance finding housing is available.

To Apply: Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter describing their interest in the position, a resume, and a list of references to: Melissa Cullina, Research Botanist, at mcullina@mainegardens.org.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2019