

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION Horticulture Internship**

<b>Position Title:</b>	Horticulture Intern
<b>Employment Classification:</b>	Internship
<b>Reports to:</b>	Horticulturalist
<b>Department:</b>	Horticulture
<b>Salary:</b>	Unpaid

### **Internship Description**

The Living Coast Discovery Center (LCDC) is seeking enthusiastic and motivated individuals interested in gaining experience in native plant horticulture to participate in a part-time, unpaid internship.

LCDC is located on the Sweetwater Marsh Refuge, a protected home for hundreds of species of native plants and animals.

### **DUTIES AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Watering plants
- Trimming and pruning plants
- Treating plants for disease and pests (white fly, aphids, scales, mold, etc.)
- Weeding and raking
- Maintaining, cleaning, and organizing LCDC greenhouse and other work spaces
- Cleaning and maintaining gardening tools
- Plant propagation, including plant identification, seed gathering, seed planting, and transplanting potted plants
- Processing green waste and maintaining disposal area
- Help with maintenance projects, which may include painting and light carpentry work
- Conceive and complete an intern project

### **QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS**

#### **Required Qualifications**

- Ability to execute or quickly learn the duties listed above
- A positive attitude and ability to work as a team and with minimal supervision
- Ability to work outdoors, including sun, rain, wind, and heat.
- Be willing to learn about all aspects of horticulture and San Diego County's biomes, particularly the coastal sage scrub biome
- Participants must be able to adjust to changes within the daily routines
- Ability to lift 40 lbs. and be able to perform physical tasks such as standing, walking, bending, and lifting.

#### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Experience working in an active, outdoor setting.
- Experience with gardening or plant care.
- Knowledge of native plants and endemic species



**Commitment:**

- Interns will spend 12 weeks working within the Horticulture Department
- Shifts are 4 hours, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm., with a minimum of 1 day per week on Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday.
- Schedules will depend on each intern's availability and must be consistent for the duration of the internship.
- Interns will be responsible for one project that they will be able to work on over the course of the internship and will participate in other professional learning activities.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

This position requires the physical ability to perform all duties assigned, which may include lifting up to 40 pounds, pulling/pushing 120 pounds, climbing ladders, walking on uneven or wet surfaces, and working in various weather conditions.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please send your resume and a short paragraph stating why you are interested in the position to: Haylie Priest (volunteers@thelivingcoast.org). Due to the high volume of applicants, we will only be able to contact the highest rated applicants.

Please also complete the online Volunteer Application Form linked below:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=8189216>