

How we prepare students for the future.

Upon completion of the internship program, it is our goal that students have a concrete understanding of native plants, possess solid skills in caring for a naturalistic gardens (or in the case of the natural lands intern, the components of land stewardship) and be able to speak in public about it. With this end in mind, students will participate in plant identification classes and complete an intern project that shows understanding of native plants and their use. Lastly, they will complete a 10-minute presentation on their project.



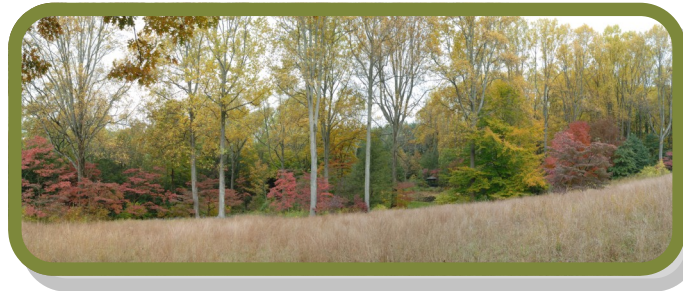
Mt. Cuba Center is **committed** to our intern program. We provide the following for the students while they are here:

- Onsite housing which includes use of a communal kitchen and laundry facility. Students will have internet access via wireless connection. Students need to provide their own laptop. Parking is also provided.
- Use of a computer lab during work hours to complete homework or research.
- Paid registration for the Millersville Native Plant conference for career and professional development.
- Access to Mt. Cuba Center's library during work hours.



Our History

Mt. Cuba Center, dedicated to the study of Piedmont flora, realizes the vision of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lam-mot du Pont Copeland. On the gently rolling hills of the Delaware Piedmont, the Copelands established their estate to preserve the historic rural pastures and fields, protect the native forests, and develop a series of naturalistic woodland wildflower gardens and formal landscapes. Today, Mt. Cuba Center is a non-profit institution committed to promoting an appreciation for plants native to the Piedmont, encouraging their uses in gardens and supporting their conservation in nature.



We are located...

Mt. Cuba Center is located in the historically and horticulturally rich countryside of northern Delaware. We're a convenient drive from Philadelphia (45 minutes), Baltimore (90 minutes), Washington, D.C. (2 ½ hours), and New York City (3 hours). This premier location provides interns the opportunity to explore and discover other botanical and horticultural institutions in this area.



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Summer Internship
Application Deadline March 1, 2012

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Summer Intern Positions at Mt. Cuba Center

Mt. Cuba Center is one of the best examples of naturalistic gardens in this country. Students in our internship program gain hands-on experience in a specific area: collections management, historic landscapes, naturalistic gardens, greenhouse or natural lands. All students work one-on-one with a professional staff. Interns also participate in group projects that will give them experience throughout the site. Projects, trips to other horticultural institutions, and native plant ID instructions are all part of this rich educational experience. Mt. Cuba Center offers paid (\$10.50 per hour) internships from May to August. The intern work week is 40 hours. Housing is provided. Please note, we are unable to take foreign student applicants at this time. For more information, visit www.mtcubacenter.org/education/internships/

Choose one of the following internships:



Collections Management Internship

Gain invaluable experience with BG-BASE™ and BG-Map, the computerized plant recordkeeping and mapping systems used at Mt. Cuba Center, as well as the most up-to-date information on botanical nomenclature. Intern will learn why this is a crucial skill required at all public gardens and arboreta. Assist the Plant Recorder with accurate recordkeeping practices. Learn curatorial techniques used in our plant collections such as inventorying, labeling, and mapping. Opportunities exist to explore special projects.

Formal Gardens and Entrance Landscape Internship

The intern will experience two distinct perspectives of gardening with native plants during the twelve weeks internship. The Formal Garden, surrounding the Main House, showcases native plants in an historic and intimate setting. The Entrance Landscape Garden which is our guest's first view of Mt. Cuba Center, features plant displays in large masses. The intern will learn about garden maintenance, using native plants in both naturalistic and formal designs and other aspects of public horticulture that enhance the visitor experience.

Naturalistic Gardens Internship

Work side-by-side with Mt. Cuba Center's experienced and knowledgeable Horticulturists. There are three internships available, one each in the Woods Path, Ponds & Dogwood Path and Meadow Gardens. Interns assist in the daily maintenance and development of these gardens. In addition, interns will learn the design intricacies of naturalistic plantings. Please state which naturalistic garden(s) you would like to work in:

- Ponds & Dogwood Paths — Maintain & help create displays, Learn about the specific plants surrounding the ponds, sphagnum bog garden, trillium garden, moss banks, & woodland edge displays along the Dogwood Path.
- Woods Path — Cultivation of native shade plantings and layers Cultivation of native shade plantings within the woodland layers and edges.
- Meadow — Work with native grasses and wildflowers of the sunny meadow and meadow/woodland edges.

Greenhouse/Research Internship

Learn about Mt. Cuba Center's Greenhouse production as well as the Plant Evaluation and Introductions Program. Staff will share propagation and production techniques for native woody and herbaceous plants collected from many regions of the eastern United States. These plants are grown for use in Mt. Cuba Center's gardens and research program. Assist staff in daily maintenance and production activities. The intern will also assist staff in the assessment of native plants for garden use.

Natural Lands Internship

Gain knowledge of natural land stewardship techniques, best management practices, and exotic plant suppression principles while assisting with forest and habitat restoration and preservation. Study Piedmont biodiversity, silviculture, wildlife management, and assist with vegetation and wildlife surveys of native flora and fauna.

To Apply:

Please designate your choice(s) of internship. Send your resume and a cover letter as a PDF outlining your career goals, experience and a list of references with contact information to: jobs@mtcubacenter.org or mail to: Mt. Cuba Center
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Attention: Internship Program

For more information call Julia Lo Ehrhardt at 302.239.4244, ext. 234 or visit www.mtcubacenter.org/education/internships/

Applications are due by March 1, 2012

Phone interviews will be scheduled as early as February and commence into March.

