

Historic Garden Internship

Museum - Eudora Welty House & Garden

Compensation: \$2,000.00

Application deadline: April 16, 2023

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History (MDAH) seeks an adaptable and passionate student to serve as a *Historic Garden Intern* at the Eudora Welty House & Garden, the historic literary house museum and garden at 1119 Pinehurst Street in Jackson, Mississippi. This internship offers unique opportunities to support historic garden preservation through both hands-on work and research that helps expand our knowledge of Welty's living legacy. This learning opportunity will support a successful applicant's academic and professional goals who will work under the supervision of the Garden Projects Specialist and the Director.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Support garden preservation by assisting with the following:
 - Seasonal hands-on caretaking.
 - Researching, digitizing, and managing plant records.
 - Assisting with volunteer workdays.
 - Recording plant locations through mapping projects.
 - Propagating plants by grafting, air layering, and other methods.
- Report on plant histories and "mystery plant" identification.
- Identify and label digital images of historic ornamental plants.
- Reference works by and about Eudora Welty for clues about her gardening life.
- Research and recommend practical supplies to preserve and interpret the historic garden (plant labels, signage, garden tools, herbarium materials, etc.).
- Analyze plant records database for missing information and assist with response.
- Begin registering camellia seedlings with the American Camellia Society.
- Track changes and responses in the landscape, both historical and current (structural changes, weather changes, indirect chemicals introduced).
- Present a final project report at the Intern Expo in late July.

Requirements:

- Students pursuing studies in Horticulture, Botany, Landscape Architecture, or related fields; or Library Science, English, History, and Art are preferred.
- Strong research capabilities, organizational skills, and attention to detail.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and willingness to ask questions.
- Creative thinker eager to learn.
- The ability to work both independently and collaboratively.

Time Commitment:

140 hours required. Hours are flexible, Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The schedule will be determined based on availability and agreements between the intern and MDAH staff.

How to Apply:

- Please submit an online application through the [MDAH website](#) by April 16, 2023.
- Email a resume, cover letter, and any additional documentation to mdahinternships@mdah.ms.gov.
 - *Note:* Your application is incomplete without these additional documents.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer and Internships Coordinator, Erin Blackledge, at (601) 576-6985 or eblackledge@mdah.ms.gov.