

GARDENS OF GOLDEN GATE PARK

Position Title: Senior Garden Intern

Hours: Part-time

Role Classification: Temporary, Seasonal

Exemption: Non-Exempt

Reports to: Education Program Coordinator

Salary: \$20.00 - \$21.00 per hour

ABOUT THE GARDENS OF GOLDEN GATE PARK

The mission of Gardens of Golden Gate Park is to connect people to plants, the planet, and each other. Gardens of Golden Gate Park is a public/private partnership between the San Francisco Recreation & Park Department (RPD) and the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society (SFBGS) to jointly operate the Conservatory of Flowers, Japanese Tea Garden, and San Francisco Botanical Garden. A Lease & Management Agreement between RPD and SFBGS, approved by both the Recreation & Park Commission and the Board of Supervisors, sets the terms of the partnership. The agreement is a cooperative management agreement that outlines the roles and responsibilities for each partner. Key areas of responsibility for SFBGS include volunteer engagement, education, visitor experience, philanthropy, membership, marketing, and other functions. RPD is responsible for horticulture and facility management and maintenance, master planning and capital improvements conducted with SFBGS, and other functions. Together, RPD and SFBGS collaborate on collections management within the Gardens.

The Conservatory of Flowers is a national, state, and local landmark and a place of exceptional beauty. Built in 1879, the Conservatory was the first formal structure erected in Golden Gate Park and remains an internationally renowned icon, displaying and cultivating unusual plants to heighten awareness of the pressing need to preserve threatened rainforest environments.

The Japanese Tea Garden is the oldest operating public Japanese garden in North America. This garden provides visitors from around the world with an opportunity to experience the natural beauty, tranquility, and harmony of a Japanese-style garden and was originally created as an exhibit for the 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition.



San Francisco Botanical Garden opened in 1940 and is a 55-acre living museum within Golden Gate Park, showcasing 8,000 different kinds of plants from around the world. San Francisco's oceanic climate with cool dry summers, mild wet winters, and presence of fog allows the Garden to grow a diverse array of species from around the world.

POSITION SUMMARY

The primary role of this intern is to support the High School Garden Intern program at the Gardens of Golden Gate Park. Working in partnership with staff, the Senior Garden Intern will help manage and mentor the team of 7-10 teen interns, who will be based primarily in the 2-acre, Botanical Garden - Children's Garden with additional activities at the Japanese Tea Garden and the Conservatory of Flowers. The Senior Garden Intern will assist with the Bean Sprouts Family Days Program, Summer Sprouts program for groups, and Junior Rangers programs, ensuring that High School Garden Interns are successfully engaged with the family and group participants.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with program staff to train and mentor High School Garden Interns to conduct garden activities for children in the Children's Garden at San Francisco Botanical Garden.
- Oversee small groups of High School Garden Interns conducting activities for GGGP visitors at Japanese Tea Garden and Conservatory of Flowers.
- Conduct programs for visiting youth groups with and without teen interns.
- Assist with Children's Garden planning, maintenance and special garden projects undertaken by High School Garden Interns.
- Assist staff with observation and assessment activities.
- Model effective interaction with adult visitors and volunteers.

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- Current student or recent graduate in Environmental Studies, Youth Development, or a related field.
- Previous experience working with youth groups or supporting children.
- Ability to work with a diverse urban population.
- Interest or experience in gardening and/or other outdoor activities.
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- Summer Schedule:
 - Starts Monday June 9th – August 8th 2025,
 - June 19th and July 4th holidays excluded,
 - earning up to 24 hours per week, Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm.
- Able to engage in a range of physical motions, including prolonged standing or sitting at a desk, light lifting, climbing stairs, and occasionally working in varying weather conditions.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO APPLY: Complete application with attached cover letter at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/99885d66-fdde-45ea-b169-b55cfb505be0/Gardens-of-Golden-Gate-Park>

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