

**Friends of Acadia 2020 Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern
Bar Harbor, Maine
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Friends of Acadia is accepting applications for the Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern for the 2020 summer season. The Wild Gardens of Acadia, located at Sieur de Monts Spring in Acadia National Park, are managed by a committee of volunteers, the Supervisory Gardener, and the Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern. Friends of Acadia provides additional financial and administrative support. The Gardens, which have 13 habitats displaying native plants found in similar habitats in Acadia, are an important park destination. Habitats range from deciduous and coniferous woods to a beach, bog, pond, roadside, and mountain.

Intern Duties:

1. Perform regular maintenance activities, such as weeding, watering, transplanting, pruning, raking paths, turning compost, setting up the scavenger hunt activity, and filling brochure boxes at the Wild Gardens of Acadia.
2. Learn about the habitats in the Wild Gardens, the native plants therein, and the importance of conserving native plants.
3. Greet visitors to the Wild Gardens and answer their questions with patience and politeness. Respectfully inform visitors of Wild Gardens' policies (e.g., no pets allowed, no picnicking, etc.) if visitors are observed disobeying them.
4. Complete daily log of work activities. Record observations of visitor use and impacts; visitor comments, compliments, and complaints; and maintenance needs.
5. Work with the Supervisory Gardener and volunteers to plan and implement special events, such as garden tours.
6. Assist with preparation of educational materials, such as information for the Wild Gardens' bulletin boards or new children's activities.
7. Write an end-of season evaluation of work experience with FOA and ANP.
8. Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Excellent communication and people skills. Ability to follow through on directions. Willingness to work independently and take initiative. Knowledge of or willingness to learn about Acadia National Park, native plants, and gardening. Must be eager and capable of working hard at a physically and socially demanding job, which may involve lifting 50 pounds, bending, kneeling, raking, working in inclement weather (hot, cold, or wet), and attending to routine tasks. Reasonable accommodations will be made. Flexibility to adapt to quickly changing work demands and schedules and ability to be prepared for anything on any given day. Botany coursework helpful.

Requirements: Applicant must have appropriate personal footwear (closed-toe hiking shoes or boots) and raingear. Applicant will be provided with Wild Gardens uniform shirts, hat, fleece jacket, and nametag. Applicant must wear tidy, non-ripped clothing while working in the Gardens. If applicant is asked to run errands for the Wild Gardens, he/she must have a valid driver's license and use his/her own automobile. Applicant will be reimbursed for mileage beyond his/her daily commute to the Wild Gardens.

Period of Service: Start and end dates to be determined by candidate's academic calendar (440 hours total). **Hours and Days off:** to be arranged with Supervisory Gardener, but generally, the gardens should be covered by staff or volunteers during peak hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Intern will work no more than 40 hours per week. **Wages:** \$15.00/hr. **Pay period:** Every two weeks. **Housing:** Not provided. **Work Environment:** Most of the work is performed outdoors and may involve moderate risks or discomfort.

To Apply: Email cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information for three references to Stephanie Clement at stephanie@friendsofacadia.org.

Application deadline: February 24, 2020

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