**Job title:** Horticulture Research Summer Intern  

**Reports to:** Erik Wochholz, Curator of Historic Landscapes  

**Hours:** 37.5 hours/week  

**Start and End Dates:** 10 weeks:  
*June 8, 2020 – August 14, 2020  
*Exact start and end dates will be mutually decided upon between the intern and his/her supervisor at the museum.  

**Compensation:** $1,500 stipend, dispersed in 2 installments.  

Housing provided (optional)  

**Application Deadline:** All application materials are due March 1, 2020.  

See below for application instructions.  

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**About Strawbery Banke Museum**  

Strawbery Banke Museum is a 10-acre living history museum located in the heart of downtown Portsmouth. The museum interprets daily life in the same historic waterfront neighborhood over 300+ years, making the 37 historic buildings accessible to a wide range of visitors one of our primary goals. Strawbery Banke hosts an ever-growing number of special events and programs throughout the year. Seasonal and holiday signature events are time-honored traditions that help make Portsmouth the vibrant destination it is. Strawbery Banke is continually ranked as TripAdvisor’s #1 “Thing to do in Portsmouth” and Yankee Magazine Editors’ Choice: Best of New England Classics “Best Historic Village.”

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**Strategic Framework:**  

**Strawbery Banke Museum:**  

A place to learn,  
A place to gather,  
A place to preserve.

**Mission Statement:**  

To promote understanding of the lives of individuals and the value of community through encounters with the history and ongoing preservation of a New England waterfront neighborhood.

Toward that goal, Strawbery Banke Museum:  

- Acquires and conserves, for today's visitors and for future generations, historic buildings, objects, and other materials pertinent to its mission.  
- Conducts research aimed at placing local developments within the broader context of city, state, and national history.  
- Disseminates the results of that research to the public through exhibitions, publications, demonstrations, tours, symposia, workshops, and other educational activities and programs.
Internship Description

This internship is a great opportunity for someone who is considering working in the fields of sustainable horticulture, landscape management, urban planning, and environmental conservation. The Horticulture Research Intern will gain research and landscape design experience as Strawbery Banke Museum takes new steps in furthering its master planning initiatives.

The primary expectation of the Intern is to focus on research around sustainable landscape design. Research particular to innovative landscape design will support, for example, new avenues for sustainable tree health and water management at Strawbery Banke.

The Horticulture Research Intern will work independently and alongside staff. The intern will have the chance to learn directly from the Curator of Historic Landscapes, who will be the intern’s direct supervisor.

More information about our historic gardens at SBM can be found at: http://www.strawberybanke.org/gardens/historic-gardens.cfm

What you will learn

- Applied landscape design techniques
- Historical Research and landscape interpretation
- Plant identification, Native and Cultivated species
- Irrigation, water drainage, plant tolerance to salt/flooding
- Portsmouth history
- Nonprofit museum operations

Duties and Responsibilities

- Research and planning to support sustainable landscape/urban design (80%)
  - Landscape preparations for new designs
  - Sustainable plant selection for salt tolerance, aesthetics, historic value
  - Conservation efforts with design (beneficial insects, sea level rise, soil conservation (erosion), valued plant resources.
- Complete and present landscape planning research for project implementation (15%)
  Research focus will be determined within the first week of hire based on the intern’s area of interest (examples: best management practices for sustainable garden design; renovating or restoring historic gardens; phases of master planning; landscape design software)
- Interact with visitors and staff (5%)

Qualifications

- Candidates must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in good standing at an academic institution in order to be eligible for this internship program;
- Majoring in horticulture, agriculture, forestry, landscape design, urban planning, environmental studies, or related field preferred;
- Prior gardening, landscaping, farming, or related field experience preferred;
- Excellent research, written, oral, and communication/presentation skills required.

Housing provided by Strawbery Banke Museum

Space is available in Hough House for interns who need housing. Hough House is open to all interns regardless of sex or age. While the common areas in Hough are co-ed, the bedrooms are single-sex based on the gender with which each intern identifies, and interns should expect to have a roommate for the duration of their stay in Hough House.
Application Instructions

All application materials are due by March 1st with the following requirements:

1. Complete the online application no later than 3/1/2020, including:
   a. Cover Letter/Personal statement up to one page in length (PDFs only), detailing your interest in the internship program answering the following 3 questions:
      i. What are your professional goals and areas of interest?
      ii. What skills and abilities you can contribute to the museum’s work?
      iii. Describe the outcomes you hope the internship experience will produce.
   b. Resume or CV
   c. All required questions.

2. Submit two letters of recommendation from professors or supervisors in a related field. Letters can be submitted via email or mail to:
   jcrowley@sbmuseum.org
   Jessica Crowley
   Director of Human Resources
   Strawberry Banke Museum
   PO Box 300
   Portsmouth, NH 03802

To print a copy of the application form, please visit www.strawberybanke.org.