



Job title	Horticulture Research Assistant Summer Intern
Reports to	Curator of Historic Landscapes
Work Conditions	<p>The location of the internship, whether on-site or remote, will be determined closer to the start date, and will be contingent upon COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the internship.</p> <p><u>Remote:</u> The internship may take place remotely to ensure health and safety protocol in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p><u>On Site:</u> The internship may take place on-site. All work that takes place on-site during the pandemic is conducted safely following strict safety guidelines such as masks and physical distancing.</p>
Hours	<p><u>Remote:</u> 24 hours/week minimum (total of at least 240 hours over the course of the 10-week summer internship program)</p> <p><u>On Site:</u> 37.5 hours/week, 10 weeks</p>
Start and End Dates	<p>10 weeks: June 7, 2021 – August 13, 2021</p> <p><i>*Exact start and end dates will be mutually decided upon between the intern and their supervisor at the museum..</i></p>
Compensation	<p>\$1,500 stipend, dispersed in 2 installments (after successful completion of weeks 5 and 10).</p> <p>Housing provided (optional, and contingent upon COVID-19 restrictions)</p>
Application Deadline	<p>All application materials are due March 1, 2021.</p> <p>See below for application instructions.</p>

About Strawberry 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. Strawberry 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. Strawberry Banke is continually ranked as TripAdvisor’s #1 “Thing to do in Portsmouth”, Yankee Magazine Editors’ Choice: Best of New England Classics “Best Historic Village” and the 2020 Best of the Seacoast in the Entertainment & Leisure category for Best Group Event/Tour/Activity.

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, Strawberry 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 agriculture, horticultural science and history, educational program design and public outreach, heirloom seed systems, and environmental conservation. The Horticulture Research Intern will gain research and educational program design experience as Strawberry Banke Museum takes new steps in furthering its interpretive planning initiatives.

The primary expectation of the Intern is to focus on research that supports program design and implementation for public education. Research particular to innovative botanical history and science programs will support, for example, new avenues for public outreach and further developing horticultural education at Strawberry 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.strawberrybanke.org/gardens/historic-gardens.cfm>

What you will learn

- Applied science and methodologies around organic plant cultivation
- Historical research about landscape conservation and management
- Plant identification, Native and Cultivated species
- Herbalism and Apothecary, Floral Design, Culinary Arts and Historic Foodways, Seed Systems
- Portsmouth history
- Virtual Engagement
- Public Education
- Nonprofit museum operations

Duties and Responsibilities

- Research and content development to support Horticulture Interpretation and Public Education (80%)
 - Diverse garden/exhibit programs for daily visitors
 - Garden Tour Coverage
 - Greenhouse plant care and maintenance
 - Educational content and lesson plan support

- Focus on seasonal program themes (organic cultivation and plant care, compost science, microscopic studies, horticulture garden crafts, Apothecary science, seed saving, etc.).
- Complete research project content for program development and implementation.
- Research focus will be determined within the first week of hire based on the intern's area of interest (examples: best practices for program design; educational avenues connected to the historic gardens; historic foodways and culinary arts; virtual engagement and website content)
- Complete and present an educational project (15%)
The topic will be determined within the first week of hire based on the intern's area of interest (examples: outline best management practices for specific gardens; renovating or restoring historic gardens; heirloom rose care; landscape surveys; flower drying and preservation techniques)
- Lead tours to visitors (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.
- Candidates must be comfortable with public speaking.

Physical requirements:

- At least 5% of this internship entails moving around the 9-acre site, outdoors in all weather conditions to lead garden tours.

Housing provided by Strawberry Banke Museum

Optional on-site housing is provided in Hough House for interns who need housing, contingent upon COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the internship. In the event that shared on-site housing is not deemed safe for summer 2021, the intern will be expected to commute or provide their own housing. Work on-site is conducted safely following strict safety guidelines such as masks and physical distancing.

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 1, 2021 with the following requirements:

1. Complete the [online application](#) no later than 3/1/2021, 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 can you contribute to the museum's work?
 - iii. Describe the outcomes you hope the internship experience will produce.
 - b. Resume
 - c. All required questions in the [online application](#) form.
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
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