



## **Internship Program - 2018 Opportunities**

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (RSBG) Internship Program is designed to provide practical hands-on experience in the following areas of interest: general horticulture, garden maintenance & renovation, propagation, nursery management, and retail nursery management.

### **Botanical Garden & Nursery Internship**

One full-time position available in 2018 for up to 6 months –Beginning in early Spring 2018 (Feb. / Mar.) with possible opportunities for extension into the following spring.

Schedule to be negotiated. Some weekend work required. Wages: \$11.50/hour

**Garden Management:** Learn how to care for a world-class botanical garden, including proper pruning and planting techniques, landscape design, weed control, renovation, irrigation, and plant identification.

**Nursery Management:** Gain valuable experience in the operation and maintenance of a highly specialized nursery with emphasis on propagation techniques. Learn propagation methods including grafting, cuttings, seed sowing and hand pollination as well as greenhouse operation, transplanting, inventory control, data entry and plant identification. Detail oriented and mechanical ability or aptitude helpful.

**Retail Nursery Management (spring season only):** Learn how to manage the RSBG Plant Sales Pavilion including pricing, displaying plant material, maintaining and stocking sales facility, creating labels and signage, supervising volunteer assistants and customer service.

### **General Information**

The RSBG is a 22 acre garden featuring the largest collections of *Rhododendron* species in the world. At least 700 species are displayed in a natural woodland setting. Special features include the Rutherford Conservatory, Victorian Stumpery, the Alpine Garden, Hardy Fern display garden and Meconopsis Meadow. The garden is located in Federal Way near I-5 and Highway 18. The garden is supported by the Rhododendron Species Foundation (RSF), an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the study, cultivation, display and distribution of *Rhododendron* species. The RSF is internationally recognized as a leader in *Rhododendron* conservation.

### **To apply:**

Please send your resume along with your completed job application form to:

RSBG

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Or you may submit your documents by email to [Steve@RhodyGarden.org](mailto:Steve@RhodyGarden.org)

If you have questions, you may call Steve at 253-838-4646 x. 101