

Zadigan Interns: Garden Workers

Recruiting one intern for summer 2017 and one for fall 2017

Summer: 10 - 20 hours per week from mid-May through mid-August (120 hours total)

Fall: 10 - 20 hours per week from late-August through mid-November (120 hours total)

Starting date summer: May 15, 2017; Starting date fall: August 21, 2017

The Native Medicinal Plant Research Program of Dr. Kelly Kindscher is seeking two Zadigan Interns: one intern for summer, 2017; and one intern for the fall semester, 2017. Work will primarily entail assisting with maintaining the Native Medicinal Plant Research Garden north of Lawrence. Each Zadigan internship will result in a \$1,200 tuition reduction for the following semester, contingent upon completing the 120 hour work requirement, and students may enroll for 3 internship credit hours if desired. The student will work under the supervision of a Kansas Biological Survey staff member, and Douglas County Extension Master Gardeners. E-mail communication is required. A set schedule will be determined upon hire, and a portion of the work hours each week will be scheduled with a supervisor.

Primary tasks to maintain the Native Medicinal Plant Research Garden include physical labor, including weeding, mulching, mowing, weed-eating, pruning, digging, planting, watering, and other tasks as required. The student should have experience with or an interest in learning plant and weed identification. The student should also feel comfortable using and learning how to use hand and power tools, including push mowers, weed-eaters, wheelbarrows, shovels, and other tools. The successful candidate should be able to work in variable and inclement weather conditions, including, but not limited to, very hot, humid, or dry weather. They should also be able to work with a supervisor and follow instructions, work collaboratively with other students and volunteers, and work independently and efficiently.

Students should expect to gain and strengthen gardening skills and increase knowledge of important native and medicinal plants. If time allows, they may also conduct office, lab, or field research work for the Native Medicinal Plant Research Program. This internship has often led to additional work with the Kindscher lab.

To apply, e-mail a cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information of two references to Dr. Kelly Kindscher at kindscher@ku.edu by Sunday, April 2nd. The cover letter should address 1) your interest in working at the Native Medicinal Plant Research Garden and why we should hire you, 2) any other experience or work skills (especially gardening, farming, or field work, if any) that you think are beneficial and are related to the primary tasks listed above, 3) when you will graduate from EVRN, and 4) whether you are applying for the summer or fall internship. If you do not have a preference for summer or fall, and could work during either time, please indicate this in your cover letter. One student will not be able to obtain both internships (i.e., we will be hiring two people).

Questions should be directed to Kelly Kindscher at kindscher@ku.edu. For more information about the garden, see <http://nativeplants.ku.edu/about/medicinal-plant-garden>.

Required Qualifications

Environmental Studies Major

Valid driver's license