



Friends of the U.S. Botanic Garden HOPS Fellowship

The HOPS Fellow will:

- Assist with preparation of the Hands On Plant Science ([HOPS](#)) program
- Work in collaboration with the HOPS Coordinator to train the 2020 HOPS staff
- Support the running of 16 hands-on plant science lessons for D.C. youth
- Assist with other USBG special programs, events, and other duties as needed

Applicants must:

- Be at least a rising college senior
- Possess good organization, communication, creativity, and people skills
- Have a knowledge of and interest in environmental education and/or plant science
- Have an interest in informal, hands-on education
- Be comfortable leading others
- Be comfortable working in an collaborative team environment
- Have a flexible schedule during the 6-week fellowship

Duration: The duration of the position is 6 weeks, with an approximate start date the week after Memorial Day – exact dates to be determined mutually by the National Garden Fellow and the USBG. Applicant is expected to work 40 hours a week, to include occasional evenings and weekends.

Benefits:

- Stipend of \$3,600
- Opportunities to attend USBG education programs
- Opportunities to connect with other D.C. institutions
- Opportunities to interact with USBG professional Horticulture and Public Programs employees

To Apply: Applications must be submitted to friend@nfusbg.org by **February 28, 2020**. For questions regarding this fellowship opportunity, please contact Claire Alrich at calrich@aoc.gov.

A completed application must include:

- Application form (below)
- Resume or CV
- A short essay (approximately 500 words) explaining what experiences you will bring to the Fellowship and how you imagine this Fellowship will support your continued education
- Unofficial transcripts
- Three references with phone and email contact information (to include at least one professional and one academic)

The Friends of the U.S Botanic Garden

Mission: The Friends of the U.S. Botanic Garden, in partnership with the U.S Botanic Garden (USBG), promotes and inspires active botanical and environmental stewardship by providing financial support for educational programs that highlight the importance of plants to humankind and the environment. Our goal is to support the educational outreach initiatives at USBG – extraordinary programs and exhibits that delight, educate and inspire the Garden’s visitors to become more active stewards of the plants that support life on earth. The Friends helps coordinate over 200 public programs each year at the USBG, reaching thousands of participants.

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Application Form**

Name: _____

Preferred pronoun: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Permanent Address (if different): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alternate phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____

Degree (to be) Earned: _____

Date of graduation: _____

How did you hear about this Fellowship? _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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