



GARDEN INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY- PAID

Dumbarton House is a Federal period historic house museum in Georgetown and the headquarters of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA). We offers visitors an opportunity to enhance their appreciation of early American history and strives to inform and educate the public about life in Washington during the early Republic. Dumbarton House also focuses on Federal Period decorative arts and architecture. Dumbarton House is open to the public 6 days a week for public tours and offers youth and adult public programs.

Internship Summary: Dumbarton House, Headquarters, Museum and Gardens of The NSCDA possess a small but extraordinary garden. It has, over the years, developed a combination of native and non-native species in its design. Some of the plants on site are now regarded as invasive (e.g. nandina); others are more adapted to other climates and soils. The goal of Dumbarton House for its gardens is to identify and remove invasive species. As such, Dumbarton House is tasked with ensuring that the plants in its gardens are either of native origin or would have been present in the region before 1830. We are seeking an intern to study the existing plant inventory at Dumbarton House to differentiate the native from non-native and invasive from non-invasive species. An additional goal is to suggest appropriate alternatives to the non-native invasive plants and to propose other species or cultivars that might thrive in the garden. We welcome applicants with a strong interest in art history, garden history, botany, horticulture, and ecology.

A \$ 1,000 stipend will be awarded and/or academic credit may be arranged with your college or university.

Schedule

- 160 to 180 hours (14 hours per week)
- Tentative start the week of May 21st through the week of August 6th

Duties

- Create plant inventory of Dumbarton House gardens
- Analyze plant inventory and provide report on native, non-native, and invasive species
- Work closely with garden volunteers, facilities manager, and education manager
- Develop outline for education program on plant identification
- Perform other tasks as needed.

Qualifications Needed:

- Excellent interpersonal and oral communication skills;
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail;
- Self-motivated and able to work independently with minimal supervision, including willingness to assist with all aspects of working in a small, historic house museum;
- Master's degree, working toward a master's degree, and/or comparable experience in art history, garden history, botany, horticulture, ecology or related field;
- Strength, dexterity, and mobility to perform all duties (to include lifting up to 50lbs).

To Apply:

- Send cover letter and resume to: education@dumbartonhouse.org with subject heading: Dumbarton Garden Internship
- Application deadline April 2, 2018; position will remain open until filled.
- The incumbent is not eligible for museum benefits. Dumbarton House is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A background check is required for employment.
- Qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview. Please do not contact Dumbarton House to inquire about the status of your application.