



## **Interested in part-time work at The Arboretum this semester?**

### **We are seeking a Conservation Horticulture Assistant**

#### Overview:

The Conservation Horticulture Assistant will work closely with Arboretum staff in all aspects of the maintenance of woody plant collections, with a focus on conservation collections and related programs at The Arboretum. The successful candidate will practice horticultural and botanical techniques in an Arboretum setting, develop skills in plant identification and care of a wide range of species, and learn about regional and global conservation programs, all while working in an active group environment. This part-time winter position will ideally turn into a full-time summer position.

Hours: February to April, 9 hrs per week; May to August, 35 hrs per week

Pay: \$12-\$14 per hour depending on experience

The Conservation Horticulture Assistant will assist with:

- Propagation, nursery production and maintenance of woody plants for collection development and conservation programs
- Following research protocols and procedures for established conservation programs.
- Curation of plant collections using current methods, including field work and database management using IrisBG.
- Developing knowledge of plant taxonomy and nomenclature to aid in plant identification and verification of herbarium samples.
- Compiling data and maintaining information databases.
- Communicating with landowners in the establishment of off-site research plots
- Assisting Arboretum staff with field work, including inventories and data collection.

#### Qualifications

Our ideal candidate will meet the following requirements:

- Able to commit to 6-7 months of work (part-time in winter, full-time for summer).
- Be enrolled in an academic program related to horticulture, botany, environmental sciences, or a similar field. (Recent graduates will also be considered.)
- Some experience with plant propagation and/or care.
- Able to work independently in a fast-paced work environment.
- A valid Class G Ontario driver's license.
- The ability to lift 25kgs, and a willingness to work in adverse weather conditions.

**To apply, please send a resume with cover letter via e-mail to:**

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