12-8-17 Gardener, Natural History Museum, Los Angeles, Open Until Filled

Gardener

Regular Full-Time

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is seeking a Gardener for our Nature Gardens. Reporting to the Head Gardener, the Gardener is responsible for daily maintenance of the living displays, insuring high-quality care using sustainable landscape practices. This position is integral to setting a welcoming tone for our visitors and providing service in the public areas of the Museum with a focus on the Museum’s mission and visitor experience.

Reclaimed largely from hardscape, the 3.5-acre Nature Gardens were designed to create habitat for urban wildlife and to encourage visitors of all ages and interest levels to engage in and appreciate nature. Through hands-on activities in the gardens and adjacent Nature Lab, visitors will be invited to assist museum scientists in studying and documenting wildlife in Los Angeles.

Responsibilities for this position include, but are not limited to:

* Perform routine maintenance of assigned areas of the Nature Gardens, including planting, watering, pruning, fertilizing, weeding, soil amending, mulching, and pest management.
* Assist with irrigation repairs and modifications.
* Operate and maintain small machinery, such as string line trimmer, chain saw, and lawn mower.
* Use and maintain hand tools.
* Train and supervise volunteers who help care for the gardens.
* Assist with managing onsite compost and green waste program.

This position has the following requirements:

· Associate degree in horticulture or minimum of 2 years’ experience in garden maintenance.

· Knowledge of principles, practices, and techniques of horticulture and landscape maintenance.

· Knowledge of commonly grown landscape ornamental plants in southern California, including understanding of scientific nomenclature. Familiarity with California native plants strongly preferred.

· Must be able to work flexible hours, including some evenings, holidays, and/or weekends.

· Must have valid driver's license

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is seeking applicants who have demonstrated experience and commitment working with a diverse community.

Salary is commensurate with experience plus excellent benefits.

Review of applications begins continues until position is filled.

For more information and to apply, go to <https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=lacntymuse&jobId=89156&lang=en_US&source=CC3&t=1>