



## HORTICULTURE SUMMER INTERNSHIP

### POSITION DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND

Hills & Dales Estate is the historic home and garden of textile magnate Fuller E. Callaway and is one of Georgia's premier house and garden museums. The estate features the historic Ferrell Gardens (circa 1841), which contain extensive boxwood plantings, fountains, herb garden, and greenhouse. The centerpiece of the estate is a 1916 Italian villa designed by the noted architects Hentz & Reid. The 35-acre property is located in LaGrange, Georgia, one hour south of Atlanta. It is operated by Fuller E. Callaway Foundation, which seeks to preserve and share the home and garden for the instruction and enjoyment of the public through careful stewardship and engaging programs.

Our 10-12 week practical internship is geared toward horticultural best practices, historic garden maintenance, public garden management, and hands-on work alongside horticulture professionals.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Learn the history of Hills and Dales Estate to answer guest questions accurately
- Assist each horticulturist in their areas of the garden
- Participate in group projects
- Learn and assist in garden inventory and plant recording, pest ID and management, special events, power tool safety and use, irrigation, and social media

### REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be enrolled in a college or university horticulture program (or related program) or have recently graduated from one. There is one internship position for summer 2026. Candidates are responsible for their own travel, housing, and meals during the period of the internship. If accepted, the intern is required to wear appropriate work apparel and sturdy work boots. LaGrange can be quite warm in the summer; mosquitoes and ticks are sometimes encountered.

### WORK HOURS & COMPENSATION

This position will work a Monday through Friday schedule. The Summer Intern reports to the Horticulture Manager and works closely with other managers, including the Building Maintenance & Landscape Manager, and members of the horticulture and landscape staff. This is a paid internship for 10-12 weeks. The hourly wage is \$15 per hour.

### TO APPLY

Send an email to Valerie VanSweden at [vvansweden@hillsanddales.org](mailto:vvansweden@hillsanddales.org) containing your name, contact information, college, major, and last year of study. Application emails should also include a 50-60 word essay describing your background, field of study, and career goals. The consideration period for applicants ends March 31, 2026.

For more information about the estate, visit [www.hillsanddales.org](http://www.hillsanddales.org). Hills & Dales Estate, a historic property of Fuller E. Callaway Foundation, is an Equal Opportunity Employer.