



Position Title: Plant Conservation Field Assistant

Placement: Red Butte Gardens, Salt Lake City UT

Start: June 1st, 2017

Term: 6 months; 900 hours

Benefits: \$6,634.00 Total AmeriCorps Living Allowance (disbursed evenly over the term) and a \$2,887.50 AmeriCorps Education Award (available upon successful completion of the service term)



Position Description:

A 900-hour AmeriCorps position is available in the Plant Conservation Department at Red Butte Garden from June-December 2017. The field assistant will perform as a member of the conservation team and will assist the Conservation Director and Research Assistant in conducting botanical field research for the purpose of rare and native plant species conservation.

The position is based in Salt Lake City, UT, and the typical work schedule is Monday-Friday with some weekend and evening work required. Average work periods are 6-10 hours per day or 40-50 hours per week, depending on department needs. Longer hours may be accumulated during field season and compensated for with time off during the off season.

Travel throughout Utah is required between June – November for up to 5 days at a time, and will include some overnight camping. The position involves long field days working out of doors and in rugged terrain throughout Utah during the summer and fall months.

Responsibilities:

The individual will assist with tasks including, but not limited to: data collection, monitoring and surveys of rare and endangered plant species, seed collection of rare and endangered plant species, plant identification, bulk seed collecting as part of the Seeds of Success program, data entry and organization, seed processing, seed germination trials, plant propagation, mapping and GIS management. Opportunities also exist for assisting the department with educational outreach, technical and non-technical writing.

Applicant should be comfortable working long hours in arid environments for multiple days at a time, and navigating and hiking in remote areas. The individual must also be confident completing tasks with minimal supervision and working in a small team environment. Experience with plant identification, biological field work and GIS is strongly preferred.

Minimum Qualifications:

Individual must hold and maintain a driver's license, pass the University of Utah driving test, and be eligible to operate a government vehicle. Highway driving, maintained off-road, and rugged off-road driving skills are necessary.

Additional Information:

Compensation includes stipend paid in bimonthly installments by the AmeriCorps program through the Utah Conservation Corps (UCC). Per diem compensation for food will also be provided for days spent in the field.

For more information on the AmeriCorps Individual Placement Program, please visit: <http://www.usu.edu/ucc/htm/join-ucc/individual-placements>

Application Deadline: open until filled

TO APPLY:

Email a cover letter and resume to Bruce Pavlik (bruce.pavlik@redbutte.utah.edu)