Goal of the Environmental Education Intern
To learn how to plan and implement an environmental educational program for teens.

Duties and Responsibilities
Work with the Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator and other Plantations staff to implement an environmental education outreach program. Plantations’ Environmental Education program focused around a “Sustainable Backyard” garden at Plantations and it is the lens through which environmental education themes are taught primarily to teen-aged youth but also to Cornell students and the general public. The program consists of daily gardening and hands-on activities, weekly field trips, community projects and discussions with teens about environmental topics.

Activities may include:
- Researching and designing educational discussions or activities around the weekly themes of the Plantations Environmental Education Program for Sustainability.
- Preparation and coordination for daily activities.
- Assistance and participation in daily activities, including outdoor projects such as gardening, nature hikes, hands-on plant-based activities, discussion groups, community outreach and other scheduled activities.
- Work directly with and provide support to teen students in the program. Provide mentorship and support for teen students’ roles as leaders.
- Work in the gardening site associated with this program.
- Participate in regular nature hikes and other activities associated with environmental interpretation.
- Collaborate and coordinate with Plantations Staff, Cornell University staff and graduate students.
- Participate in the delivery of tours or other activities directed at teens
- Participate in weekly group intern activities as scheduled
- Maintain a portfolio of work that will be shared with all staff on the last official day of the internship.
- May include developing and administering evaluation of program
- Assist with other education initiatives and activities.

Requirements
- Ability to commit to the entire internship period
- Currently enrolled or accepted Cornell University student
- Plant science, Horticulture, Ecology and/or education background
- Good communication, writing, computer, and organizational skills
- Interest in working with teen aged youth and interacting with many different audience groups
Work Environment
The intern will work closely with the Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator and other collaborators in both an indoor office environment as well as outdoors. The intern will work with teens indoors, outdoors or at off-site locations.

Each Monday the intern will participate in Learning Mondays. These days may include field trips or educational activities about the diverse work of a public garden. Some time is set aside each Monday for Capturing Your Experience.

Parking is not available.

To Apply: Please complete the on-line application form and click submit.

General Program Information
Cornell Plantations internship program is open to all currently enrolled or accepted Cornell University students (including graduating seniors and graduate students). Plantations recognizes that an internship is an opportunity to try out a career field. While we encourage applications from those with plant or natural sciences coursework or relevant work experience, we also welcome applications from students that are enthusiastic about the natural world and can articulate their interest in our program.

Goal
Provide an educational and work experience for Cornell University students involving hands-on activities that build on classroom learning and represent the full spectrum of work throughout our organization.

Vision
We view our interns foremost as learners who offer a valuable fresh perspective. We treat each student as a professional team member and part of the Plantations family. Our staff is committed to the program, offering mentorship, guidance, and appreciation for each intern’s contribution.

For more information or questions on the general details of the internship program, contact Phil Syphrit at 607-227-5795 or plantationsintern@cornell.edu or see our website www.cornellplantations.org