

Unpaid Internship Opportunity with Plant NOVA Natives

Position Name: Plant NOVA Natives communications intern. Spring 2020.

Position Description: Your job will be to gather material, help write the scripts and produce a new podcast series on the theme of “unity gardens” in Northern Virginia. A unity garden is one that contributes to a connected landscape where people and nature can thrive together. Together we are restoring balance to our communities, one property at a time, to provide wildlife with sanctuary corridors and to provide people with beautiful places to play and relax, enjoy nature, and grow healthy food. We do so by reducing lawn, incorporating native plants, removing invasive plants, growing the soil, conserving water, reducing run-off, and avoiding chemical applications and insecticides.

The final product of this internship will be at least ten finished podcasts of 30 minute duration, designed to provide practical how-to detail as well as inspiration, specifically for a Northern Virginia audience. Source material will include:

- Local Master Gardeners, extension agents, vegetable gardeners and permaculture practitioners
- Local wildlife experts
- The Plant NOVA Natives website and other online sources
- Local native plant experts
- Garden centers
- Books such as *Bringing Nature Home* by Doug Tallamy

Work Location:

Much of the work will be conducted electronically. You will meet with your supervisor periodically. You will interview experts by phone and in person and visit some gardens.

Qualifications:

- Should be a junior, senior or grad student
- Very strong interest in native plants, gardening (for nature or for food), horticulture, urban agriculture, home habitat or landscaping
- Strong writing skills
- Basic computer skills

Requirements:

- Reliable transportation to access locations across Northern Virginia (Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun)
- Access to the internet and a computer
- Podcast/sound production skills, or a willingness to learn

- Have a minimum of 8-10 hours available weekly with some work on weekends. 135 hours in the term.

How to Apply:

Please send a letter of interest, your resume and a writing sample to Christian Cali christian@biohavens.com by January 24, 2020.

About us:

Plant NOVA Natives is a joint marketing campaign of over sixty private, public, and non-profit organizations, and hundreds of individuals. Our mission is to educate the community and to promote the benefits to water quality and natural habitat of planting beautiful Northern Virginia natives, through the efforts of committed volunteers using multimedia outreach and events, and by working with local growers and sellers of native plants. All are welcome to participate in this collective action movement.

Christian Cali is the founder and owner of BioHavens, a Loudoun-based company that helps people transform idle lawns into networks of backyard organic farms.