



Gorst Valley Hops
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Summer Internship – Greenhouse Production

Overview:

Want to be a part of America's growing craft beer industry? Gorst Valley Hops is seeking a dedicated and motivated individual to assist in the production of healthy, high quality, virus indexed hop plants this summer.

Gorst Valley is dedicated to hop quality in all forms, and that includes live hop plants. We have designed and built a custom greenhouse production system that is the only biosecure facility in North America dedicated solely to hop production. Gorst Valley works hard to raise the standards of the hop industry, and it is for that reason we propagate tens of thousands of plants by reservation only, allowing our staff the time to care for each plant individually. We work closely with the University of Wisconsin and the USDA to ensure robust disease screening and scientific protocols for confidence.

Duties:

- Oversee and perform daily care and maintenance of the greenhouse and plants
 - Sweeping, sanitizing, watering, pest scouting, pruning, soil testing
- Meet weekly propagation quotas set by the Operations Manager
- Apply chemical sprays and beneficials as needed in the greenhouse to control pests and disease
- Oversee the long-term care and maturation of all propagated plants
- Harvest plant tissue samples to be sent in for disease screening
- Follow all greenhouse protocol set by the Operations Manager and Propagation Specialist
- Keep track of plants and materials inventory in the greenhouse
- Arrange and assist in the shipments of mature hop plants to customers all over the US
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Posses, or being work towards, a 4-year degree in horticulture, plant sciences, greenhouse management, biology, agriculture, or a related field
- Previous experience in a greenhouse setting is preferred, but not required
- Close attention to detail
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions
- Be able to work standing for long periods of time and in hot conditions
- Must be able to bend, stoop, kneel, and lift 40 pounds
- Ability to complete tasks in a timely manner, self regulate, and stay on task

Timeline: This is a full-time (40hr/week) position that is set to run from May 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017. Schedule is Monday-Friday 8am to 5:00pm but can be longer if needed to meet production needs. Some weekend work may be required. Start date may be flexible to accommodate end of the school year.

Compensation/Benefits: This position pays \$10/hr and upon satisfactory completion of the full internship a \$500 educational stipend will be awarded. Gorst Valley will also pay for the intern to become a certified pesticide applicator through the UW-Extension PAT program (certification valid for 5 years).

Application: Please send a resume and 3 references to hannah@gorstvalleyhops.com

Subject line: GREENHOUSE PRODUCTION

The deadline for application is March 1, 2017.