

# Environmental Studies



## Assignment Description Form

Organization/Agency: California Native Garden Foundation

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# of interns needed/Hours  
worked per intern:  
5 interns/ 6 hrs a week

Needed for quarters:  
 Fall  Winter  
 Spring  Summer

Options (choose one)  
\_ Remove your listing by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or keep on file for one year

**Describe the internship assignment:** Brief statement about the agency; role of the intern and specific objectives of the projects assigned to the intern; tasks to be performed.

The California Native Garden Foundation is a non-profit educational, research, and resource organization that promotes gardening with California native plants. Our goal is to increase the popularity and use of California's native plants in the designed landscape. Our mission is to demonstrate the beauty, garden worthiness, and ecological appropriateness of California native gardens and to advance knowledge of native plants and increase their availability. We also emphasize on urban gardening, sustainable agriculture, sustainable land use, as well as social and food justice.

Interns will assist in various tasks on site, which includes:

1. Nursery and garden tasks: Building native plant inventory through plant propagation, planting, and seed collecting. We may ask for some interns to help out with maintenance at gardens that we have designed or at projects that we are working on (which will include planting and seed collecting).
2. Aquaponics: Maintaining the aquaponics system, planting crop plugs into the rafts, helping with growing produce for aquaponics, fish care.
3. Grant writing: We are constantly writing grants to fund our non-profit and are always looking for students who are interested in the budgeting and funding aspects of environmental agencies.

**Prerequisites:** Outline the skills and background information necessary to participate in this internship.

Experience in gardening and basic plant identification skills are preferred, but no particular coursework or background knowledge is necessary. We want interns that are driven and willing to conserving California's native plant ecology and empowering our food systems through urban gardening and sustainable land-use.