

**Job Title:** ISU Horticulture Research Station Prairie Resource Intern

This is a unique experience working for Iowa State University at the Horticulture Research Station, located 3 miles north of campus at 55519 170<sup>th</sup> St, Ames, IA 50010. The Horticulture Research Station is a 230-acre farm with extensive horticultural plantings and projects, including apple orchards, vineyards, vegetable plots, turf science plots, ornamentals, and more. To name a few of the farms' active research trials, there is research related to turtles, honeybees, wasps, and tree swallows. Scientists from horticulture, forestry, botany, ecology, plant pathology, entomology, and natural resources are active at The Station.

We are seeking a dependable, task-driven individual with a strong interest in prairie conservation and restoration. The Prairie Resource Intern will assist with the operation of the prairie seed harvest and restoration program, a collaborative project between Iowa State University and the Department of Natural Resources starting on May 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on October 1<sup>st</sup> (with some flexibility).

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist prairie seed harvest, processing, drying, and restoration activities.
- Maintain accurate records of harvest dates, methods, drying conditions, and plant maturity.
- Support planting and establishment of native prairie plants.
- Identify and control noxious weeds within the seed production plot.
- Coordinate prairie seed pick up with the DNR partners.
- Perform general plot maintenance including landscape fabric and irrigation systems.
- Work both as part of a team and independently throughout the year.
- Communicate effectively with the research station team, faculty and university students.
- Demonstrate professionalism and respect toward all individuals working at The Horticulture Research Station.

**Qualifications:**

- Willingness and ability to work outdoors in hot or cold environments, full sun, and on-farm conditions for extended periods (up to 6 hours at a time).
- Confidence operating utility vehicles.
- Interest in or basic understanding of native plant management, restoration, and seed harvesting (preferred but not required).
- Must provide your own transportation to and from work

**Additional Notes:**

Full-time hours are available during the summer and university breaks. Part-time hours are available during the school year. The Horticulture Research Stations hours of operation are Monday - Friday 7:30am – 4:00pm.

**Contact Information:**

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