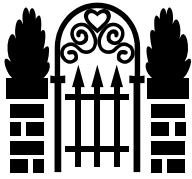


Scholarship applications due by February 15, 2008!



English Garden Foreign Study Program

Landscape horticulture students at South Seattle Community College are invited to apply for the foreign study program at the Royal Horticultural Society Garden—Harlow Carr in the north of England. This opportunity is offered to students who have completed at least one year in the SSCC Landscape Horticulture Program.

Purpose

Students can earn internship credits to apply to their Associate of Applied Science degree in Landscape Horticulture. As a volunteer garden intern, students will learn English gardening practices from experienced horticulturists in a botanical garden that has been described as the “Northern jewel” (*The Garden*, July 2001).

The Garden

“The gardens were developed by the Northern Horticultural Society, which was founded in 1946, with the objective of ‘promoting and developing the science, art and practice of horticulture with special reference to the conditions pertaining to the North of England.’ The Society leased 10.5 hectares of mixed woodland, pasture and arable land at Harlow Hill from Harrogate Corporation and opened the Harlow Carr Botanical Gardens in 1950. The chief aim was to set up a trial ground where the suitability of plants for growing in northern climates could be assessed” (www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlowcarr).

Harlow Carr became one of the Royal Horticultural Society’s four flagship gardens in 2001, when the Northern Horticultural Society merged with the RHS. Harlow Carr includes rock gardens, a winter garden, a scented garden, woodland, an herb garden, a kitchen garden, a fruit garden, an arboretum, borders of mixed perennials and ornamental grasses, a shrub rose border, an alpine display house, an ornamental plant trials area, a vegetable trials area, a museum of gardening, and a study center and library. One exhibit—“Gardens Through Time”—illustrates the evolution of landscape garden styles in Britain over the past 200 years through a series of seven vignette gardens.

A wide range of educational programs is offered at Harlow Carr, “from a course for complete beginners to gardening through to specialist workshops in subjects such as propagation, fruit pruning, lawn care and creating and maintaining water features” (www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlowcarr).

Eligibility

The RHS Harlow Carr foreign study program is offered to students who are actively enrolled in the SSCC Landscape Horticulture Program, seeking an AAS degree at SSCC, have completed at least one year of horticultural coursework, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

SSCC Credit

Students can earn credit toward their AAS degree in Landscape Horticulture and satisfy the internship requirement for their degree through this experience. They must enroll for LHO 197—Internship during the quarter they volunteer at Harlow Carr. For more information on the SSCC internship program contact Pamm Hubbard at (206) 764-7935, [phubbard@scsd.ctc.edu](mailto:p Hubbard@scsd.ctc.edu), or <http://worksource.southseattle.edu/internship.html>.

Terms

Students can work in the garden for periods of two weeks to ninety days upon approval of the RHS Harlow Carr Education Officer.

Costs

Qualified students can apply for a partial scholarship—usually a \$1,000 per student—from the SSCC Foundation to help cover the cost of this internship. Expenses can include room and board, airfare, local transportation, and personal spending money. Below are some *rough estimates* of costs that could be incurred for study in England. These amounts can vary depending on daily consumption, personal spending habits, and unanticipated fluctuations in prices. The current weakness of the US dollar has made travel in the UK more expensive.

- SSCC Tuition \$ 73.90/credit for resident students
- Room \$ 400.00/week
- Food \$ 200.00/week
- Personal \$ 100.00/week
- Round-trip Airfare (Seattle-Manchester) \$1,000

At these prices, if a student completed a two-week internship at Harlow Carr and paid tuition for two credits of internship, the total cost would be about \$2,550.00.

Medical

Students should make sure they are covered by health insurance before traveling abroad. U.S. citizens are not covered under British government's medical program. Before applying for this internship, students should consider whether they are up to physical requirements of this internship (it will require physical labor and working outside all weather conditions) and any additional physical and mental stress created by traveling abroad.

Application Instructions

Submit the following materials to Van Bobbitt, SSCC horticulture instructor:

1. Resume
 2. Written statement of purpose specifying your objectives for pursuing this internship, how participation in the foreign study program will contribute to your academic and professional development, and why you feel you would serve as a positive ambassador from SSCC to RHS Harlow Carr.
 3. SSCC official sealed transcript
 4. Two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a recent employer
- To be considered for funding for the 2008 calendar year, applications must be submitted by February 15, 2008. Travel must be completed before the end of 2008.

For More Information

Contact Van Bobbitt at 206-768-6717 or vbobbitt@sccd.ctc.edu.

To learn more about the RHS Harlow Carr Gardens, go to their web site:
www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlowcarr