



BARTRAM'S GARDEN

Bartram's Garden River Programs Fellow

With 45 acres along the Lower Schuylkill River in Southwest Philadelphia, [Bartram's Garden](#) is Philadelphia's outdoor classroom and river garden.

Bartram's Garden public programming is greatly expanding as we anticipate becoming the southern terminus of the popular [Schuylkill River Trail](#) within the next 3 years. Our goals during this time of expansion are to meaningfully engage a growing tide of recreational users and to ensure that our Southwest Philadelphia community feels ownership of the garden as their waterfront access and outdoor classroom as we see increased use from people who live further afield.

Current programming at Bartram's Garden includes a range of free and low-cost initiatives:

- **Philadelphia's Outdoor Classroom:** More than 9,000 local schoolchildren visit Bartram's Garden each year for hands-on, curriculum-appropriate lessons in science, nature, and healthy living.
- **A Welcoming Green Resource:** Located within one of the city's most industrialized and disenfranchised neighborhoods, the site includes a meadow, an urban farm, a community boathouse, a public dock and protected wetlands in addition to the country's oldest botanical garden. The site is open and free all year round with expanded programming
- **A Vibrant River Garden:** The Garden boasts a half-mile of riverfront, the only safe river access in Southwest Philadelphia, and the only tidal wetlands on the Lower Schuylkill River. Our [Community Boathouse](#) opened in July of 2015 and seeks to provide all Philadelphians with the tools they need to access and explore the tidal Schuylkill River. The only program of its kind in the city, it is largely run by a dedicated team of volunteers and our programs are free to the public.

This season we are looking to expand our River Programs to include developing and disseminating a citizen science curricula focused on the Schuylkill watershed and the health of Philadelphia's waterways. In addition we will be launching a fishing program which will include loaning rods and tackle, as well as collecting data on fish caught from our site. Local high school youth who are trained in on-the-water skills, will play a key role. This expansion is being facilitated by two key partnerships:

- the [Schuylkill River Research Seminar](#)--a collaborative place-based research seminar designed to build a core of regional scholars whose work explores the Schuylkill River and Philadelphia's urban waters, connecting them across disciplines from hydrology to history.
- Out on the Water Consortium - A new consortium of six local organizations who are leveraging shared resources to provide youth-driven programming involving on-the-water experiences

We are seeking a River Programs Fellow to assist in many aspects of this. The fellow will report to Danielle Redden, River Programs Manager, working closely with our key partner organizations and our part-time staff of high school students.

The successful candidate will be a dependable self-starter who can juggle a number of tasks and work effectively independently and collaboratively. The ability to communicate well across cultures and to relate effectively to a diverse group of people is key.

DUTIES & ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Assist in the supervision of 4 - 6 high school students in water quality testing and analysis

- Assist in developing a tidal Schuylkill curriculum
- Assist in launching rod & tackle loaner program
- Develop and experiment with methods to track fish caught from our site
- Document River Programs activities
- Develop content for print and electronic media
- Attend meetings with key partners
- Help plan and run festivals and special events
- Publicize River Programs to the immediate neighborhood
- Assist with data management and surveying River Program participants
- In the off season (November - March), assist with grant reporting and writing, communications, pilot program assessment and planning for 2018 season.
- Other duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Excellent communications skills with diverse populations
- Supervisory skills, particularly with high school aged youth
- Basic knowledge of kayaking or rowing. Must be a strong swimmer.
- Proficiency with social media platforms
- Creative and critical thinker
- Sense of humor
- Ability to be flexible with the challenges of launching new programs

PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

- Knowledge of bait and tackle
- Drivers License
- Red Cross CPR, First Aid certification, LifeGuard or equivalent training

PHYSICAL WORK REQUIREMENTS

Work is physically demanding and requires ability to do moderate to heavy lifting. Work is often outside in the heat, sun and rain.

HOURS

Per agreement with Haverford House, fellow will work 32 hours a week. Due to the seasonal nature of the position, fellow will often be asked to work Saturdays, and an occasional Sunday and weekday evening during July - October and April - June. In the off-season, work hours will be Monday - Thursday, daytime.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Access to training in First Aid/CPR, as well as Water Safety and Rescue. Access to fleet of kayaks and rowboats for your own personal use and free admission to all Bartram's Garden events and activities.