

DW Farms Internship Program

DW Farms is a nursery specializing in California native plants and other drought tolerant plants. We are a family owned and operated small business located 20 minutes northeast of Paso Robles. We have over 200 varieties in production that range in size from seedlings to small trees. Our primary goal is to provide quality plants for landscaping projects that will thrive in the climate of inland SLO County. We also offer educational opportunities via soil workshops and kid-friendly mini biology classes. We are open to the public Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM and by appointment Monday through Friday. Our website is: <https://www.dwfarms.org/>

• Intern responsibilities

Assist in all aspects of plant propagation including formulating soil, planting seeds, making cuttings, transplanting, and pruning. Interns will assist in troubleshooting and maintenance of the irrigation system. Interns will also have opportunities to gain business experience in assisting with recordkeeping, maintaining the nursery website, initiating marketing campaigns, and assisting with retail sales.

• Intern qualifications

Interns must have an excellent work ethic. Interns must be able to work outdoors in the sun for several hours at a time. They must have an excellent attention to detail and good eye-hand coordination when handling small seedlings and other young plants.

• List of preferred skills (computer, analytical, design, communications, etc.)

Familiarity with Excel spreadsheets and Square websites an asset but not required. Training will be provided.

• Education level (year, GPA, etc.) and qualified majors

Open to Juniors and Seniors for internship credit. This internship is available to all majors.

• Duration of the internship

Internships may last as long as the student wants to participate assuming they are in good standing at the nursery.

• Hours required per week

Minimum commitment is three hours per week. Maximum available is 20 hours per week.

• Flexibility with schedule or specific hours

Highly flexible, but morning hours are recommended during the summer.

This is an unpaid internship. Students will earn academic credit for this internship.

• How to apply

Please email your resume and letter of interest to:

Dr. Dessie Underwood at dessie@dwfarms.org.