

## Historic Garden Internship

*Museums - Eudora Welty House & Garden*

**Compensation:** \$2,500.00

**Application deadline:** March 24, 2024

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History (MDAH) seeks an adaptable and passionate student to serve as a *Historic Garden Intern* at the Eudora Welty House & Garden, the historic literary house museum and garden at 1119 Pinehurst Street in Jackson, Mississippi. This internship offers unique opportunities to support historic garden preservation through both hands-on work and research that helps expand our knowledge of Welty's living legacy. This learning opportunity will support a successful applicant's academic and professional goals who will work under the supervision of the Garden Projects Specialist.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Support garden preservation by assisting with the following:
  - Seasonal hands-on caretaking, specifically weeding
  - Assisting with weekly volunteer workdays.
  - Helping with public events.
- Research and document the plant collection, noting ties to Welty's life and fiction.
- Present a final project report at the Intern Expo on July 25.

### **Requirements:**

- An interest in gardening and nature
- An interest in Welty's life and literature.
- Extreme attention to detail outdoors.
- Ability to frequently work outdoors in heat and rain.
- Ability to stand and kneel for long periods.
- Ability to lift to fifty pounds.
- Gardening experience or horticultural training is a plus but not required.

### **Time Commitment:**

This internship spans from June 3 to July 26, with a minimum requirement of 160 hours. The working hours are flexible, Tuesdays through Fridays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; *Wednesday mornings are required*. The specific schedule will be established in accordance with the availability and mutual agreement between the intern and MDAH staff.

### **How to Apply:**

Submit an online application through the [MDAH website](#) by March 24, 2024.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Program Manager, Erin Blackledge, at (601) 576-6985 or [eblackledge@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:eblackledge@mdah.ms.gov).