



Epcot® Science

at **WALT DISNEY WORLD®**

The Epcot Science Professional Internship Program is designed to provide qualified college students with the opportunity for hands-on work experience in the unique growing areas that are part of *Living with The Land*, an agricultural attraction at Epcot®.

Responsibilities:

In addition to maintaining the show quality of our growing areas, aquaculture systems and biotechnology lab, interns will spend a significant amount of time leading informative and interactive Guest tours through our facilities, along with promoting and selling these tours. Additional training sessions, classes and meetings will be scheduled throughout the semester. Other duties vary by discipline:

Aquaculture

Operate a recirculating freshwater aquaculture facility. Monitor filtration systems and water quality, assist in diagnosis and control of disease, and raise fish to marketable size for *Walt Disney World®* restaurants.

Biotechnology

Maintain a tissue culture production facility. Prepare media and culture a wide variety of plants. Then, collect, package and deliver the tissue-cultured plants to Epcot® merchandise locations.

Entomology

Become an integral part of The Land's Integrated Pest Management program. Rear and maintain insect colonies, release beneficial insects into greenhouse crops, and maintain entomology-related shows.

Plant Science

Maintain a high-quality show of hydroponically-grown food crops from around the globe. Seed, transplant, irrigate and prune plants; harvest produce for Epcot® restaurants; rake, sweep, and provide general cleanup of greenhouses.

Internship Schedule:

Winter/Spring 2009: January 2, 2009—June 28, 2009
Summer/Fall 2009: June 19, 2009—January 10, 2010
Winter/Spring 2010: December 28, 2009—June 27, 2010
Summer/Fall 2010: June 18, 2010—January 9, 2011

Minimum Requirements:

- College student or recent graduate (must complete internship within one year of graduation) with background and/or major in agriculture, plant science, horticulture, biology, biotechnology, entomology, aquaculture, education, or related field.
- Team player with demonstrated verbal communication skills and the ability to interact positively with both *Walt Disney World®* Guests and fellow Cast Members.
- Demonstrated work ethic, reliable transportation, and willingness to work on a flexible schedule.
- Willingness and ability to adhere to the *Walt Disney World®* personal appearance standards.
- Completed application packet (see step one below) and phone interview with an Epcot® Science Cast Member four to 12 months before desired starting date.

Application Process:

Step One

Send a cover letter indicating the internship and term for which you are applying along with your anticipated graduation date. Enclose your resume, transcripts, and one letter of recommendation (from a professor or employer) to the address below. Both e-mail and regular mail are accepted.

Step Two

Go to <http://disneyinterns.com>. Click on "Apply Online", and type in the key words: "science internship." Click on the internship(s) of your choice and fill out the application(s). Call or email (see below) with any questions.

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