

Interns develop new skills in their area of expertise and enhance their communication and Guest service abilities while employed by one of the most recognized and respected companies in the world...DISNEY!

Epcot® is the Discovery Park at the WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort. The *Epcot*® Science Team is responsible for the greenhouses, labs and aquaculture facility of *The Land*, the agriculture pavilion at *Epcot*®.

The *Epcot*® Science Professional Internship Program is designed to provide qualified college students with the opportunity to work in the unique growing areas that are part of the *Living with The Land* boat ride attraction at *Epcot*®. Become a part of the team that brings the excitement of agricultural sciences to millions of *Epcot*® Guests each year!

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Interns are paid for 30-40 hours/week with some overtime possible. They spend up to 25% of their time leading informative, interactive Guest tours through greenhouses and labs, and helping to promote and sell the tours. Interns participate in training sessions, classes, and meetings as scheduled. Other duties vary by discipline:

Aquaculture

Operate and maintain a recirculating freshwater facility: monitor filtration systems and water quality, assist in diagnosis and control of disease, and raise fish to marketable size for *Epcot*® restaurants.

Biotechnology

Prepare media, tissue culture a wide variety of plants, clean glassware, and collect, package, and deliver tissue-cultured plants to *Epcot*® merchandise locations

Entomology

Rear and maintain insect colonies, release beneficial insects and predator mites into greenhouse crops, assist with research in biological control and greenhouse IPM programs, 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.



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, food crops, biology, botany, biotechnology, entomology, aquaculture, education, or related field.
- Completed application packet (see below) and phone interview with an *Epcot*® Science Cast Member four to 12 months before desired starting date.
- 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 *Walt Disney World*® grooming standards.

SIX-MONTH TERMS:

Winter/Spring 2008 (Dec. 28, '07–June 22, '08)
Summer/Fall 2008 (June 13, '08–Jan. 11, '09)

Every six months thereafter, with similar dates as above.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

First, send (via mail or email) a cover letter indicating your anticipated graduation date and the internship and term you are applying for, along with your resume, transcripts, and one letter of recommendation (from professor or employer) to the address below. Then, go to <http://disneyinterns.com>. Click on "Apply Online", and type in key words: science internship. Click on the internship(s) of your choice and fill out application. Call or email (see below) with any questions.

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