



## **About Us**

As Kansas City's Botanical Garden, Powell Gardens plays a vital role in the community as a space for release, rejuvenation, and the celebration of the fleeting nature of nature itself. Visitors enjoy themed display gardens, a three-mile nature trail, seasonal festivals, rotating exhibitions, and exceptional architecture. Established in 1988, Powell Gardens is a public garden, maintaining 970 acres of lush, rolling hills and windswept meadows, with more than 175 acres and a large collection of plants open to the public for education, exploration, and recreation.

We at Powell believe that our team members are our most important asset. By building strong relationships with each other, we can ensure that our guests have the best possible experience. If you love to work outdoors and want to leave your mark in the gardening world, Powell Gardens is the place for you! Come experience our beautiful gardens and join our team of experts.

## **Summary**

Assisting the Production Lead Horticulturist, this senior grower position is responsible for production of annual and edible crops used in impactful garden displays at Powell Gardens. Greenhouse growing experience is a must for the highest quality and execution with attention to detail. Assist with designing combination containers and display beds for the Gardens. The greenhouse production team covers seven days a week and this position requires flexibility to work on a Saturday or Sunday and holidays as scheduled. As part of the interview process, there will be a practical portion to evaluate knowledge and skillset of growing and maintaining a variety of crops.

## **Essential Functions**

### Production and Production Administration

- Care of the Greenhouses and other production areas including seeding, growing, weeding, watering, planting and general maintenance.
- Work with greenhouse staff to identify and control pests and diseases as required.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft office products including Outlook, Excel, Word, and Teams.

### Pest and Disease Management

- Must have or obtain certified non-commercial applicator's (pesticide) licence.
- Identify and control threatening plant pests and diseases as required.

### Facilities Maintenance

- Understanding greenhouse operations systems, work with the Production Lead Horticulturist and maintenance staff to communicate equipment needs and concerns in a timely manner allowing enough lead time to manage issues.
- Responsible for weeding, mulching, watering, planting, and general maintenance. We strive for excellence with horticultural display and impact on visitor experience, emphasizing the quality of

collections, materials, function, and design. By maintaining exemplary standards of horticultural care, we reflect this commitment to excellence, ensure the optimal health of our living collections, and create a landscape of enduring beauty giving a positive impact on visitor experience.

### Other Duties

#### Production/Greenhouse Manual

- Assist with annual content updates for the production/greenhouse manual.

#### Seasonal Festivals and Exhibitions

- The horticulture team is an integral part of planning, designing, installing and tearing down seasonal festivals and annual exhibitions. Participation in meetings, creating designs, hands-on construction, and working festival shifts beyond traditional garden hours will be required.

#### Volunteers/Interns

- Provide direction and support for all volunteers and interns in your area.
- Evaluate volunteers and interns, train them as required.
- Ensure that they utilize the best horticultural practices in the Gardens.

### Experience/Education

- Associate Degree in Horticulture field or related area *Preferred*
- High School Diploma or GED Required
- 2+ years greenhouse production or similar experience *Preferred*
- Valid Drivers License *Required*

### Physical Requirements/Work Environment

Must be able to lift 40lbs; accomplish strenuous work on an ongoing basis in various conditions, including extreme heat and cold; must have dexterity and be able to groom plants and prune with speed and accuracy; ability to work evenings, holidays and weekends as required.

### To Apply

Applicants interested in the Education Coordinator position must submit the following to [hr@powellgardens.org](mailto:hr@powellgardens.org) :

- Resume
- Three references: professional, academic, and/or personal

To view the full job description, please go to <https://powellgardens.org/about/careers/>