

# SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL ARBORISTS

## MUNICIPAL FORESTRY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (MFI-P) 2012

USDA FOREST SERVICE URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

The Society of Municipal Arborists, in conjunction with the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, is launching a municipal forestry internship program for undergraduate college students interested in a career in Municipal Arboriculture. The primary objective of this program is to provide a hands-on experience alongside practicing professionals who will serve as mentors over the internship period and will work to help the students identify and develop the skills needed to be successful practitioners.

**Several positions are available nation-wide for the summer 2012 internship program.**



Each student who is selected will be given:

- the opportunity to be a part of an elite group of interns;
- a housing stipend (\$1200);
- a registration and \$300 travel scholarship to attend the 2012 Annual SMA Conference;
- an hourly wage of \$12/hr for 10 weeks;
- and much, much more.



### Accepting Applications NOW!

**Application Deadline:**  
(Must be postmarked by)

**Monday, December 5, 2011**

**5:00 PM (CST)**

**All application materials  
should be mailed to:**

Dr. Melanie R. Kirk  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
Urban Solutions Center  
17360 Coit Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75252  
mrkirk@tamu.edu



#### STUDENT CRITERIA

- Must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior at an accredited 4-year academic institution or graduate of an accredited community college with plans to further his/her educational endeavors.
- Have successfully completed an Urban Forestry Mgmt course or its equivalent, and 3 out of the 6 following courses: Dendrology, Spatial Sciences, Pathology, Entomology, Arboriculture, Biometrics.
- Have a CUMULATIVE GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

#### HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the attached MFI-P application
- Submit an OFFICIAL University transcript SEALED from your current University.
- Submit one, and only one, Letter of Recommendation from an individual employed by your current academic institution.
- Submit one, and only one, Letter of Recommendation from an individual who has seen your level of service in your local community -OR- your current employer.
- Submit a copy of your valid drivers license.

#### REQUIRED ESSAY QUESTIONS

Each applicant must also submit responses to EACH of the following.

1. In 250 words or less, explain your career goals, your expectations of the internship program, and how the internship program will benefit by having you as a part of its 2012 class.
2. In 250 words or less, respond to the following scenario as completely as possible:

*Scenario:* Assume you manage the urban forest in a city that has a very limited budget for street tree maintenance. Several of the city's trees have a destructive, infectious disease. A recent inventory revealed that there are several hazardous trees along streets. The inventory also recommends pruning cycles. Every day you receive customer requests to prune trees, and you are strongly encouraged to plant trees.

*Question:* Describe how you would prioritize your maintenance activities to specifically address all of these items, and justify your rationale for doing so.

*All applicants will be required to complete a background investigation prior to employment.*

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### APPLICATION

#### Personal Information

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last M.I. First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Apt) City/State Zip

Alternate Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Apt) City/State Zip

Contact Information: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone Cell/Alternate Email address

Start date will be the week of May 21-25, 2012 ~ End date will be August 13-17, 2012

**\*\* If you aren't able to start or end during the dates above, you will not be considered for this internship \*\***

	NAME & LOCATION	GRADUATE? DEGREE?	MAJOR/SUBJECTS OF STUDY
High School			
College or University			
Specialized Training, Trade School, etc...			
Other Education			

Please list your areas of highest proficiency, special skills or other items that may contribute to your abilities in performing the above mentioned position.

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