

Oberlin College Biology Greenhouse Student Worker Job Description

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The Biology Department typically hires one or two students per semester to assist the Greenhouse Manager with maintaining the teaching plant collection. Hours are usually 3 to 4 per week during the academic year; they may vary in the summer.

Applicants must:

- Have hands-on horticulture experience with plants, e.g. garden center; public garden; commercial nursery, greenhouse, or farm.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Be self-motivated.
- Be able to meet the physical demands of greenhouse work.
- Be able to complete assigned tasks without supervision.
- Be able to work some weekends.
- Effectively communicate in a timely manner regardless of personal schedule.

Students who have taken and passed upper-level coursework in botany, preferably Plant Biology and Plant Systematics, are especially encouraged to apply.

Duties:

Assist Greenhouse Manager with maintaining the Biology Department teaching collection located in the greenhouse. This may include:

- Sweeping and scrubbing floors, benches, and counters
- Scrubbing pots, flats, and other containers
- Deadheading flowers, stems, and leaves
- Blending soil mixes
- Assisting with plant identification, organization, and labeling
- Watering
- Dividing, transplanting, and repotting plants
- Pest scouting and elimination

Other duties as assigned by Greenhouse Manager or Biology Department Facilities Manager.

To Apply:

Email Biology Greenhouse Manager Judy Laushman at jlaushma@oberlin.edu