



University Arboretum Native Plant Nursery Internship (BIO 195 or ENVS 195)

The Sacramento State University Arboretum, in partnership with the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Sacramento Valley Chapter, is seeking an undergraduate intern to help establish a native plant nursery at Sacramento State. This internship provides hands-on experience in native plant propagation, nursery management, and applied conservation while working alongside experienced nursery staff and volunteers.

Time commitment: Approximately 5 hours per week:

- 2 hours volunteering at the CNPS Nursery/completing readings
- 2 hours maintaining the Sacramento State Arboretum Nursery
- 1 hour weekly meeting with Arboretum staff

Students must enroll in **2 units of BIO 195 or ENVS 195 internship credit** during Fall 2026.

Duties include:

- Attend volunteer sessions at the CNPS Nursery in Rancho Cordova every other week (Monday or Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) to assist with native plant propagation, including seed sowing, transplanting, and vegetative propagation.
- Read through and complete propagation lesson plans
- Water, maintain, and monitor plants in the Sacramento State Arboretum Nursery.
- Document propagation protocols and best practices learned at the CNPS Nursery to help develop operating procedures for the Sacramento State nursery.
- Participate in weekly meetings with Arboretum staff and volunteers on Fridays.

Preferred Qualifications

- Interest in botany, horticulture, restoration ecology, or environmental science
- Reliable and self-motivated
- Comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Strong organizational and record-keeping skills

To apply, please send an updated resume and a short email explaining your interest in the position to arboretum@csus.edu by September 4th, 2026. Please be sure to include your major, any relevant skills, and your general availability.