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About the company:

Midwest Trading is a wholesale supplier leading the Green Industry in Chicagoland with sustainable products for over 40 years. We specialize in greenhouse and nursery mixes, custom-engineered soils for green roofs, bioswales and rain gardens. We also provide landscape mulches, soil amendments, and horticultural supplies. Midwest Trading is committed to growth and achieves this by providing excellent customer service and being dedicated to our customers' needs.

Where to Apply: www.midwestgroundcovers.com/about-us/careers/intern-programs/



Objective / Accountability:

To achieve business and personal through the company while assisting in the Quality Control Program. To gain an understanding of raw components for growing mixes and how they interact to yield desirable characteristics for plant production. To become proficient in laboratory techniques, assist in other scientific and technical support for the company.

The program will vary depending on the interest and skills of the intern and the needs of the company. Generally the intern will split their time between all Virgil departments, with opportunities to work in other departments through the season.

Function / Corresponding Tasks:

Lab work

- Learn lab techniques
- Assist in testing of raw components
- Assist in testing of mixes produced through Mix Plant
- Process and record data
- Manage samples

Research

- Conduct a study under the guidance of supervisor
- Study to be presented at the culmination of internship
- Exact study topic dependent on yearly needs and intern educational focus

Field work

- Collect samples from various facilities for analysis
- Collect data from the field

Technical support

- Learn about various technical aspects of company
- Urban Soils
- Green roofs
- Growing mixes

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- Raw components

Other

- Attend meetings and events as needed
- Sample preparation for customers

Required Skills:

Good organizational skills

Ability to work independently on assigned tasks

Good communication skills

Proficiency in Microsoft office programs

Expectations:

Learn background information through technical papers and other readings

Willingness to work in a variety of environments; sampling even when it is cold and muddy

Ability to climb piles of mulch/compost to gather data and pull large samples from the field

Education:

High School Diploma

Some College

Experience/Pre-requisites:

Desire to learn about the non-plant side of horticulture and all that it entails