

# HARTMAN ROCK - GARDEN

## Summer Geology Internship in Springfield, Ohio

### Description:

The Hartman Rock Garden is offering a paid internship this summer to students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs who wish to gain professional experience in the fields of geology, art history, art conservation, and museum studies. This intern will work alongside the garden's strong volunteer base and professional advisors, including art historians, geologists, and art conservators. Tasks will include identifying the types of rocks and minerals that Ben Hartman used in the construction of the garden and attempting to ascertain the sources of those materials. This will include fieldwork in nearby streams and fields. The internship will also include interpreting and writing a "rock tour" of the garden, as well as basic hands-on conservation of rock and mineral art objects.

This internship totals approximately 185 hours during the summer term. Schedules are based on the intern's academic calendar. A \$1500 stipend will be awarded at the completion of the internship.

### About the Hartman Rock Garden:

The Hartman Rock Garden, located at 1905 Russell Avenue in Springfield, Ohio, is one of the nation's most intriguing visionary art environments, an outsider art phenomenon where self-taught artists construct fascinating worlds out of concrete, metal, stone, and whatever else they can find. Constructed between 1932 and 1944, it was the vision of local foundry worker Ben Hartman and his wife Mary. After years of neglect, the Wisconsin-based Kohler Foundation saved the garden in 2008. Working with the local community, folk art conservationists began the process of restoring the garden to its original condition. In 2010, local citizens formed the Friends of the Hartman Rock Garden, a not-for-profit organization, which oversees the maintenance, preservation, and interpretation of this artistic masterpiece.

### Requirements:

- Undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university, or students who have graduated within the past twelve months
- A focus or strong interest in Geology
- An interest in History, Art History, and Museum Studies
- Students are generally expected to have an overall G.P.A. of 3.0 or its equivalent.

### Preferred knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Ability to work with hands and basic tools (paint brush, hammer, etc.) in an outdoor setting
- Standard computer skills and ability to learn new technologies
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to conduct basic research at local libraries and archives after a brief training

### How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, two references (names and email addresses only), and a writing sample (preferably from your collegiate work) by April 6, 2018 to Kevin Rose at [krrose@hmtturnerfoundation.org](mailto:krrose@hmtturnerfoundation.org)

The position will be filled and all applicants will be notified by April 13.