FOH (Friends of the UM Herbarium) Undergraduate Paid Internship

MONTU Herbarium

Spring 2024 Application and Information

**Due: February 16th, 2024**

**Position Description:** involves cataloging, mounting, labeling, sorting, and otherwise curating vascular and non-vascular plant specimens, fungal specimens, and other tasks. This is a position for a meticulous worker who is interested in Montana’s Flora, plants/fungi, and museum techniques. This intern can conduct a research project if interested and properly proposed.

**Please email the following to the MONTU Curator: giovanna.bishop@umontana.edu**

**1. Current CV** (2 page max) including name, email address, phone number, local mailing address, major, and expected year of graduation. List recent employment, awards, service, club activities, leadership positions, research experience and anything else you think is relevant.

**2. Statement of Interest** (limited to 1/2 page, single-spaced, 12-point font) describing how this internship at MONTU fits with your background and educational goals.

**3. Unofficial Transcript** (N/A if you are an incoming first-year student) can be screenshots or a list of courses taken and what you plan to take this semester. This is less about past grades and more about getting to know your academic course background.

**4. Answers to the questions below** (250 words max/answer):

* Would you like to conduct research during this internship, do you want to only learn curatorial practices, or both? If planning on doing research, do you already have a project idea? Explain.
* MONTU has many different collections that include seeds, algae, fungi, lichens, mosses, liverworts, diatoms, vascular plants, and an oversized vascular collection. Are there any particular groups of plants or fungi that interest you or that you would like to specifically work with?
* If you did not get offered the paid internship, would you still be interested in volunteering or working for credits?
* MONTU is in the Natural Sciences Building on the third floor. This building does not have an elevator. Would this inhibit you from doing work in the Herbarium?
* Anything else you would like us to know about you? Any questions or concerns?
* Have you previously worked in the collections? If you have, why are you interested in working again?

Thank you so much for your interest in gaining experience via the FOH Undergraduate Paid Internship at MONTU. Please let the Curator know if you have any additional questions.