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Call for Applications 2013 Ian Leese Fellowship in Horticulture Award
Botanical Research Institute of Texas

2013 Fellowship provides funds for US graduate or undergraduate student majoring in botany or horticulture to intern with horticulturists at the renowned Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK

FORT WORTH, Texas (December 18, 2012) – The Botanical Research Institute of Texas announced today that it is currently accepting applications for its 2013 Ian Leese Fellowship in Horticulture award, which recognizes and advances excellence in horticulture. The Fellowship is presented annually to a US citizen who is a graduate or undergraduate student in good standing majoring in botany or horticulture. Post-doctoral candidates and faculty between appointments will also be considered.

Award recipients will intern at the renowned Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, UK for a three-month period (July – September). The UK-based internship provides an invaluable opportunity for recipients to gain practical horticultural work experience and make new global connections.

In its third year, the Ian Leese Fellowship honors BRIT’s botanical heritage while furthering the educational goals and professional development of achieving students. BRIT and Kew seek to increase the ranks of inspired horticulturists that will help sort out and manage the world’s environmental challenges.

The recipient receives a one-time stipend of $5,000 (USD) for the three-month period for the purpose of defraying local housing and other miscellaneous living expenses and travel to and from Kew.
Applications are made by completing Kew's Horticultural Internship Application and printing the completed document. Additional supporting information, including, resume should be attached to the application form. Completed applications should be addressed to the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400, attention Dr. S. H. Sohmer.

Applications for the 2013 Ian Leese Fellowship in Horticulture must be received by BRIT by US mail no later than March 31, 2013. The award will be announced on April 30, 2013.

The award recipient will have a valid US passport and will be required to make all arrangements for a student visa or his/her right-to-work permit in the UK. The award recipient may apply with BUNAC for its overseas work program and sponsorship. The Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, is not able to sponsor the applicant for visa purposes.

At Kew registration, the recipient will be required to produce original documentation to confirm eligibility.

About the Botanical Research Institute of Texas
Founded in 1987, the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) based in Fort Worth, Texas, is an international, scientific research and learning center focused on conservation, knowledge sharing, and studying the diversity of plant life. BRIT conducts extensive global research, including major projects in Texas, Europe, Peru, and the Pacific Islands. In the last 10 years, BRIT scientists have located and described scores of species previously unknown to science. BRIT's herbarium is among the largest in the United States and is the largest U.S. herbarium not part of a university, botanical garden, or broader natural history museum. In the spring of 2011, BRIT moved into its new, US Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum-certified headquarters located in the Fort Worth Cultural District. For more information, visit http://www.brit.org.
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