

# **Ayrilies Art of Gardening Scholarship**

## **What is the Ayrilies Art of Gardening Scholarship?**

- It provides an advanced level of education and professional development in the Art of Gardening and garden estate management that is not currently available within New Zealand (equivalent NZQA Level 5+)
- A paid Scholarship
- Both experiential and formal external learning
- Hands on experiential learning in one of NZ most renowned gardens.
- Opportunity to learn the Art of Gardening as part of a world-class gardening team.

## **What is Ayrilies Garden & Wetlands?**

- One of the few gardens of International Significance rated by the NZ Gardens Trust
- Over 50 years old, comprising the Garden [16 acres] and the Wetlands [35 acres]
- Created by Beverley McConnell who shares her knowledge and actively contributes to the scholarship learning
- Features in numerous publications and television shows, internationally and in NZ.
- Located at Whitford, Auckland

## **Who Should Apply?**

- Talented graduate (certificate, diploma, degree) garden artists with a sound background in garden estate management
- Students with a design background and a real desire to experience first-hand the artistry of plants and their combination.
- Qualified apprentices (NZQA level 4 qualification or above) with a strong desire to advance their understanding of plants and the art of placing plants together.
- Applicants must show a passion for plants, design and horticulture.
- Other experience and training to be considered on a case by case basis.
- Open to New Zealand citizens only

## **What does it Involve?**

- Hands on experiential learning in one of NZ most renowned gardens.
- Paid employment (\$43,000 per annum) on a fixed term 24-month contract working as an integral part of the garden team while undertaking a structured and assessed training program in the Art of Gardening.
- Attendance of external courses and organised learning events
- Formal coursework and assessment

## **Application Process**

- Applications forms can be downloaded from the Ayrilies Garden & Wetlands website at <http://ayrilies.co.nz/home/>
- Completed applications are to be emailed to [garden@ayrilies.co.nz](mailto:garden@ayrilies.co.nz)

## **Timeframe**

- Applications close 30 December 2017
- Successful candidate notified by 28 February 2018
- Scholarship starts 1 April 2018
- Scholarship ends 31 March 2020

## **Scholarship Structure – further detail**

- The student will work full time (40 hours per week) with the Ayrilies garden team.
- Eight (Four ??) hours of this time will be spent off the tools engaged in study and structured learning supplementary to hands-on experiential learning. The eight(four?) - hours dedicated to study and structured learning may not occur on a regular week day but will be tailored to work in with the schedule of the garden team and external learning courses
- There is a three month overlap between the incoming and outgoing scholarship students in order to contribute to parts of the induction and initial training of the new student; and
- Provide another learning opportunity and leadership experience for the existing scholarship student

## Scholarship Assessment

The student will be assessed on how well he/she meets the scholarship program learning outcomes. The components include:

- Student daily work Journal
- Student monthly Learning Report for those months of the scholarship not engaged in external study
- Plant identification and knowledge presentation for those months of the scholarship not engaged in external study
- Final essay titled 'The Art of Gardening'
- Two courses titled 'Landscape Design' and 'Studio Two ' at Unitec (Auckland) complying with full course external assessment.

Assessment covers both theoretical and practical aspects of the student's learning. The student will be able to develop their work in relation to their specific areas of interest and creative leanings in the final essay. Feedback will be given on all assessment tasks including external coursework.