

**FY 12-17**

**NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**HIRING UNIT:** College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Biological Sciences

**Director of The Gardens-for Web ads**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) seeks a dynamic Director for The Gardens at SIUE, a newly established 35-acre public garden serving SIUE and the surrounding community with the mission to "educate, engage, and provide enjoyment for all." The Gardens has established relationships across disciplines on campus, with community organizations including Master Gardeners, and with the world-renowned Missouri Botanical Garden, as one of its "Signature Gardens." The Gardens supports SIUE's academic mission and is one of six capital campaign priorities. Recent additions to The Gardens include The Lantern, an Asian influenced garden pergola, and The Prairie Portal, which features "Plants of Merit". The next Director has an opportunity to work with academics, philanthropists, and volunteers to further establish The Gardens as a botanical and cultural destination in the region. Specific duties will include: developing and delivering educational outreach programs for students and the general public; managing financial resources; providing leadership in community relations to insure growth and future development of The Gardens; leading the horticultural operations, including acquiring and maintaining plant collections, displays, and venues within The Gardens; and supervising personnel and coordinating volunteers necessary to operate and maintain The Gardens' master plan, and coordinate with the SIUE Foundation for fund-raising efforts in order to develop the site as a public destination, teaching facility, and community resource in cooperation with the Missouri Botanical Garden. This position may perform other related tasks as assigned in support of the department's mission and goals.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** State

**SALARY RANGE:** Commensurate with credentials, qualifications, and experience.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** Bachelor's degree with 5-7 years of experience in operating and managing a public garden or similar facility or a Master's degree in Horticulture with 3-5 years similar experience. Preference will be given to candidates who have knowledge or experience with native vegetation of the Midwest.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:** Review of applications will begin September 30, 2011 and continue until the position is filled.

**SUBMIT:** LETTERS OF APPLICATION (Including a brief statement regarding the role of a public garden within a metropolitan university setting), RESUME, OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS, AND THREE CURRENT REFERENCE LETTERS SUBMITTED DIRECTLY FROM PERSONAL REFERENCES TO:

Chair, Director of The Gardens Search Committee  
Department of Biological Sciences  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Campus Box 1651G  
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1651

SIUE is a state university - benefits under state sponsored plans may not be available to holders of F1 or J1 visas. Applicants may be subject to a background check prior to an offer of employment. SIUE is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer.