

# **Nursery Research Technician Job Description**

Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden  
University of California Los Angeles

## **Position Description:**

The Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden (MEMBG) at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) seeks a Nursery Technician (NT). This position will be a one year (twelve month), part time (14 hours per week) term appointment beginning as soon as possible. The NT will work three shifts per week (two five hour and one four hour shift). They will be responsible for the day to day work involved with horticultural trials of plant introductions from winter rainfall regions of South Africa. The position will include typical nursery responsibilities, such as propagating, watering, weeding, pest monitoring and production as well as work on the grounds with maintenance and care of South African plants in the Mediterranean Ecosystems and South African Succulents gardens. In addition to hands on plant care duties, the NT will spend a portion of their time recording data on the plant health, growth, and horticultural care. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who is passionate about horticulture and botany to learn about South African plants while evaluating potential plant introductions for California gardens. To apply go to <https://hr.mycareer.ucla.edu> and apply to Job Requisition #30692.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provide general care for container plants including watering, pruning, repotting, and pest control.
- Propagate plants by seed and cuttings.
- Plant and maintain South African plants within the MEMBG grounds.
- With guidance from senior staff, record data and keep detailed records on day to day work.
- Participate in project meetings with horticultural and curatorial staff.

## **Minimum Requirements:**

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent professional experience.
- Experience in or strong interest in learning about horticulture and botany.
- Ability to work outside under varying weather conditions (heat, sun, cold, rain, wind)
- Ability to maneuver through the garden and willingness to work closely with living plants.
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to work independently and in a group setting.
- High level of attention to detail, eagerness to learn and a sense of humor.

## **Additional Desired Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's or advanced degree in horticulture, botany or biology.
- Experience in a professional nursery.
- Familiarity with South African plants.
- Experience with data recording and management.

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