

FARM AND GARDEN INTERN Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope



About Growing Hope:

Growing Hope is a grassroots non-profit organization in Ypsilanti, Michigan dedicated to empowering individuals, groups and communities through gardening and increasing access to healthy food. We aim to use good food as a vehicle to Grow Healthy People, Grow Healthy Places, and Grow Healthy Economies. Growing Hope works to accomplish this by managing a series of garden programs that help people of all ages learn to grow and eat healthy food. We provide hands-on educational opportunities at our demonstration farm, at individual's households, in neighborhood gardens and other spaces where people grow. We aim to help people, particularly those with barriers to healthy food, gain self-reliance growing their own food, while gaining the skills and knowledge needed to achieve their desired level of health.

Position Description:

Growing Hope is offering an internship opportunity to students and community members interested in garden education, garden maintenance and healthy food access in the Ypsilanti community and greater Washtenaw County. The experience will provide an intern with a fundamental understanding garden and plant care, as well as Growing Hope's garden and farm programs.

Specifically, the intern will help maintain the gardens on Growing Hope's urban farm in Ypsilanti. The intern will also be responsible for

Tasks Include:

- Weekly garden tasks, such as weeding, planting, trellising and watering
- Assisting with harvesting
- Help with outreach through taking photos, social media, putting up flyers etc.
- Data collection and input on the farm and from written to digital forms
- Organizing garden and farm spaces and tools
- Assisting in developing educational signage for the farm and garden spaces
- Other garden and farm tasks as assigned

Qualified candidates will exhibit the following:

- Experience working with garden tools and light garden construction.
- Creative problem solver
- Available 10-12 hours/week during internship period
- Has reliable means of transportation (public or private) to and around Ypsilanti.
- Passionate about food systems and Growing Hope's mission.
- Ability to effectively work with many ages, income levels, education levels, and race and ethnicities in a community setting.

- A sense of cultural competency for the Ypsilanti community
- Ability to work with spreadsheets and basic information collection.
- Willing to work outside in all weather.

Internship Dates:

Fall Term- Preferred start date: Week of September 4th, 2017. Internship runs until mid-December, 2017.

To Apply: Preference given to applicants who apply by August 31, 2017. Cover letter (1 page) and resume, that includes what you hope to gain during your internship, and what you think you could most contribute. Also include your desired hours and schedule availability. Please send these documents to apply@growinghope.net or drop them off in person to the Growing Hope Center at 922 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Growing Hope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate potential employees based on race, creed, age, color, disability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. We encourage the following groups to apply: people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship.