



Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope COMMUNITY COMPOSTING INTERN

Position Description:

The Community Composting Intern will work with the Ypsilanti Farmers Market and the Urban Farm to support community composting at the farmers market. The intern will gain skills in operating a community-scale effort in food waste diversion. The Community Composting Intern will assist the Farmers Market Managers in running the compost collection on-site at the Depot Town Market (100 Rice St, Saturdays, 9am-1pm), and will also assist the Farm Manager in managing compost on-site at the Urban Farm (922 W Mich Ave). This intern will work under the supervision of and report to the Farmers Market Managers.

Tasks include:

- Assisting with market day set-up of compost collection site
- Educating visitors about food waste diversion, composting, and soil
- Loading and unloading collected buckets of compost
- Building compost piles
- Washing and preparing buckets

Qualified candidates will exhibit the following:

- Ability to lift 40 pounds and work in all weather conditions.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with experience providing top-notch customer service to customers and visitors of all backgrounds.
- Ability to work efficiently and effectively in physical labor (shoveling, lifting buckets, flipping compost)
- Passion for urban agroecology, environmentalism, and community scale efforts for solving ecological problems
- A team player who will pitch in as needed for the market set up and take down, and other market needs as they arise.

Unpaid Availability:

Ability to work Saturdays and Mondays or Tuesdays for 26 weeks during the market season for 8 hours/week. Market season runs from May-October with orientation starting in May. Market Hours 9am-1pm Saturdays. Must be available on Mondays or Tuesdays for tasks on the Urban Farm. We understand that school commitments may require flexibility in scheduling. Ideal start date: **May 1, 2024**

To Apply: Please provide a list of relevant experience or resume, and a brief cover letter (1 page) that includes what you hope to gain during your internship, and what you think you could most contribute. Priority deadline for applications is Friday, March 15th. No formal education is required for this position.

Growing Hope encourages people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship to apply. We welcome a diverse pool of applicants and make employment decisions on the basis of merit. We do not discriminate potential employees based on race, creed, age, physical ability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. Accommodations will be made so that the application process and position is made accessible for qualified applicants.