



UNPAID INTERNSHIP: URBAN FARMING INTERN

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.

Positions Description:

The Urban Farm Intern will gain a fundamental understanding of garden and plant care and Growing Hope's Urban Farm programs. Interns will learn about sustainable production of the various production styles at the Growing Hope urban farm including backyards garden and market gardening. Additionally, interns will learn about the broader context of the food system. The Urban Farm is a multi-purpose space used for organic-practice production, garden demonstration, youth and adult education and events. Interns must be able to commit to showing up reliably regardless of weather, show up on time and stay for the duration of their shift. All interns will meet with our Program Director at the beginning of their internship to set specific learning goals and evaluation points. Internships will be partially tailored around intern's individual interests and capacity.

Tasks include:

- Market gardening
- Efficient and safe harvest and post-harvest handling
- Produce storage; food safety
- Managing weed pressure
- Growing the most produce in a small-scale urban farm

Qualifications

- Interested in learning about sustainable gardening
- Must be able to lift 30 lbs. repeatedly
- Sustain a fast pace of work for multiple hours
- Love being outside and are not afraid of the rain or cold or heat
- Have reliable transportation
- Can maintain an organized clean workspace
- Have a passion for food justice and want to learn more

Qualities that will enhance your application:

- Knowledge of the Ypsilanti community
- Comfort and experience discussing racism, environmental justice and social justice issues
- Can work independently
- Experience working with teenagers

Availability: Ability to work a minimum of 10 hours/week for at least 12 weeks during the following times: Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 8am-2pm or Thursdays from 8am-3pm. **Spring:** May 4th, 2020. **Summer:** July 13th, 2020

To Apply: Please provide a list of relevant experience or resume and cover letter (1 page) 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. Applications accepted until April 17, 2020 for the spring term. No formal education is required for this position.