Fall Internship 2017

Vivant Gardening Services, a Chicago-based small business providing garden services to residents, restaurants and community groups around the North Side of Chicago, is seeking a part time intern for its end-of-season projects running from September 1st until frost. Clients include Fountainhead, Lillstreet Art Center and Montrose Metra Community Gardens and represent a wide variety of spaces including harvest-intensive kitchen gardens, pollinator gardens, green roofs, containers and more.

A Vivant Employee represents the company and is expected to uphold our values of respect and dedication to clients and the environment at all times. This requires punctuality, honesty, cleanliness, and a genuine passion for organic gardening.

Duties:
• Assist in preparation, planning and planting fall crops for kitchen gardens adhering to organic growing practices
• Assist in restaurant harvest every Thursday morning approximately 7:30-10am, utilizing sustainable harvesting practices, proper food handling, weighing, recording and storage
• Assist in weeding, watering, pruning, cleaning and preparing garden spaces for winter
• Assist in breakdown of watering sources and storage of irrigation systems
• Assist in installation of over-wintering devices for season extension
• Assist with various additional projects as needed

Responsibilities:
• Organize volunteer projects for MMCG end-of-season maintenance
• Conduct harvest of community garden plots at MMCG for food pantry donations
• Install fall flower container planting for various clients
• Maintain all gardening-related equipment, tools and supplies

Qualifications:
• Ability to follow direction and comply with safe-food-handling instructions
Self motivated to complete tasks in a timely manner
Ability to lift up to 50 pounds and use typical gardening tools independently
Physical ability to walk, stand, reach, squat, and work in all weather conditions and on uneven surfaces
Basic plant knowledge and understanding of organic practices
Receptive to new gardening methods and sharing knowledge
Transportation to garden sites on the north side and downtown Chicago
Enthusiasm for learning and completing tasks at hand

This internship requires a commitment of 8-12 hours per week and requires availability between 8am-1pm on Thursdays and 8am-1pm during some weekdays and Saturdays, with exceptions.

This is a paid internship with a stipend of $150 for the fall season.

To learn more about Vivant Gardening Services visit our website at vivantgardens.com, and if interested please email resume and cover letter to faith@vivantgardens.com.