Fall Garden Assistant 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 assistant for its end-of-season projects beginning September 1st until frost. Clients include Fountainhead and Lillstreet Art Center 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 soil preparation and planting fall crops for kitchen gardens adhering to organic growing practices
- Assist in restaurant harvests on Thursday mornings approximately 7:30-10am, utilizing sustainable harvesting practices, proper food handling, weighing, recording and storage
- Assist in weeding, watering/irrigation, pruning, cleaning and overall maintenance of garden spaces
- Assist with various additional projects as needed
- 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 respect of organic practices
- Transportation to garden sites on the north side and downtown Chicago
- Enthusiasm for learning and completing tasks at hand
This position requires a commitment of 8-12 hours per week and requires availability between 8am-1pm on Thursdays, as well 8am to 1pm one or two other weekdays and occasional Saturdays.

Hourly pay is $12.50.

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.