Learning Gardens Intern

Stein Learning Gardens at Saint Sabina MLK Center
7840 S Racine Chicago, IL 60620

Internship—Paid.

Summer Semester

Approximately 10-12 hours per week up to internship limit (some of the work can be completed remotely)

$15.40/hour up to $1,256 (140 hours)

Intern will explore a variety of skillsets pertaining to working in an education-based urban agriculture program on the south side of Chicago. Training topics include garden lesson planning, program delivery, classroom management, how to creatively teach to students with varying learning styles, basic carpentry skills, and much more.

The intern can expect to gain practical hands on experience in seed to harvest gardening activities, carpentry and light construction, greenhouse production, season extension, and community building efforts.

The intern will benefit from working alongside professionals with a combined 15 years of experience in the Chicago urban farming/food justice space. The staff is made up of systems thinkers who not only want to grow amazing food, they want to change the way the food system works and bring about a vision where responsibly produced, healthy, and culturally appropriate food is available to all regardless of income level.

Interns can expect to leave the program as a skilled change maker ready to participate in the urban farming movement in Chicago and beyond.

The mission of Stein Learning Gardens at Saint Sabina is to deliver high quality garden-based education and community programs that create positive experiences, encourage healthy lifestyle choices, and increase community members’ access to fresh and affordable healthy produce.

The Learning Gardens Intern will help further this mission by assisting the Garden Educator in design, delivery, and evaluation of education programs in partnership with St. Sabina Academy, a pre-K through 8th grade Catholic school.
JOB DUTIES

Essential Duties include:
- Assisting with maintenance of learning gardens including:
  - Plant propagation
  - Direct seeding and transplanting of seedlings
  - Watering
  - Harvesting and post-harvest handling
  - Implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices
  - Pruning and weeding as needed
  - Handling, moving, and sifting compost and other organic materials
  - Light carpentry work as needed
- Co-teaching education programs
- Hosting and working with community on site
- Researching and co-developing curricula for education programs
- Assisting in tours of the farm/garden spaces
- Assisting in volunteer workdays
- Keeping detailed records of work completed
- Participating in program evaluation

QUALIFICATIONS

The following are qualifications needed for a successful internship:
- Available to work 2 days per week
- Comfortable with remote work using productivity suite applications, Google Drive, and Zoom video conferencing
- An interest in hands-on physical labor
- Ability to work as a member of team with flexibility in work assignments as needed
- Ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, staff, students and management
- Some knowledge in plant or environmental science, or farm experience a plus
- Comfortable spending 3+ hours at a time outdoors, in all weather conditions
- Positive attitude working with children
- No fear of worms, bees, spiders, or any other insects
- Not afraid to get dirty
- Ability to lift heavy objects 50 lbs.+ from different locations

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for this position, students will submit a 1-page resume which should include pertinent courses and experiences, and a 1-page statement of purpose which outlines what they hope to do with their career, and how this internship could help them advance their goals and enrich their Loyola experience. Please combine these two documents into one PDF file. Students submit these materials to Ms. Eniko Racz (eracz@luc.edu) by August 12, 2022. Students applying for multiple internships should submit a separate application for each internship they are applying for. IMPORTANT! Since Loyola University and hours fund this internship are logged in KRONOS, the total number of weekly hours cannot exceed 19.5 hours for all Loyola positions combined.