Farm Intern

Details
Schedule: 16-20 hours per week, 3 month commitment
Salary: This is a volunteer, unpaid internship. If you are using this internship to gain course credit or seek out grants with your college, please include this information in your cover letter.
To apply: Along with your resume, please send us a brief cover letter highlighting why you’re interested in the program. Send to atalantak@homelessgardenproject.org and include the internship position for which you’re applying in the subject line. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Description
The Homeless Garden Project (HGP), founded in 1990 and based in Santa Cruz, California, provides job training, transitional employment and support services to people experiencing homelessness. In addition, HGP operates a thriving community education and volunteer program. Our programs take place on our 3.5 acre organic farm and related social enterprises.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and hardworking intern who will support our farm throughout the summer. The Farm Intern will work directly under the supervision of the Farm Manager and Crop Production Manager as a member of the farm crew. This is physically demanding farm work that involves all aspects of our farm’s production.

Responsibilities
● Field work: seeding, planting, weeding, harvesting, irrigation and pest management
● Lead small groups of volunteers in various farm activities
● Assist in managing a crop production schedule, including seeding and greenhouse maintenance
● Assist in harvest, wash/pack, and quality control of produce

Qualifications
● Self-motivated, detail-oriented individual
● Ability to prioritize, multi-task and meet deadlines
● Dependability, flexibility and ability to maintain confidentiality
● Interest in sustainable agriculture and social justice
● Ability to work independently and with others, including staff, volunteers, donors and vendors
● A demonstrated commitment to HGP’s mission and values
● Excellent ethical standards and personal integrity
● Previous agricultural work, preferred

Intern Will Gain:
● Diverse skills and hands-on experience for a growing nonprofit organization
● Experience supporting Homeless Garden Project 3.5 acre farm
● Education around sustainable agriculture and Organic crop production
● Opportunities to interact with professionals in both nonprofit and for-profit sector

The Homeless Garden Project is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, transgender and gender-nonconforming people, women, people with abilities in multiple languages, immigrants, and people living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.