Internship, Practicum, Federal Work Study, and Volunteer Positions

FRESHFARM FoodPrints -- in partnership with DC Public Schools -- aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat. Working together in kitchens and gardens, and using our standards-based curriculum, we provide experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking, and eating that increase children's willingness to eat nutritious, local foods. Historically, these have been in-school, hands-on activities, though the format of our lessons may be modified when schools reopen for the 2020-2021 school year.

FoodPrints experiences provide students, families, and schools with meaningful opportunities to engage with academic content, opportunities to work cooperatively, and chances to learn where food comes from and how wonderful nutritious food can taste. As a result, students are more engaged with academic content and know how to make positive changes in what they and their families eat. You can learn more about FoodPrints at www.freshfarm.org/foodprints.

We are seeking candidates for paid internship positions for the 2020-21 school year - as well as practicum, work study, and volunteer placements - to work with the FoodPrints program, supporting at a number of public elementary schools in Washington, DC.

FoodPrints classes are offered during the school day, and generally run for 2 hours. There will be occasional garden-based activities in the evenings and on weekends throughout the year. There will also be periodic educational and professional development opportunities throughout the school year.

Responsibilities

FoodPrints interns, practicum students, federal work-study employees, and weekly volunteers are responsible for assisting with all aspects of the FoodPrints program. They work directly with the school's Lead FoodPrints teacher for preschool through 5th grade classes. Responsibilities include supporting:

- FoodPrints class activities
- lesson preparation and cleanup
- maintenance of the organic vegetable garden
- the planning of lessons and activities
- social media and outreach activities

Time Commitment

We are looking for college or graduate level students for weekly class support. The ideal candidate is available on **weekdays** from August/September 2020 through the end of the school year in mid-June 2021. We would prefer interns, practicum students, federal work-study employees, and volunteers who are available for the entire school year, but will also consider applicants who can only commit to one semester.

The commitment can range from **one or two full weekdays each week** (from 8am-4pm) **to as little as a weekly 4-hour block** (9am-1pm or 12-4pm). There may also be intern opportunities supporting our **after school and weekend market-based programs.**

Qualifications

- Required: completion of at least one year of college
- Required: demonstrated ability to work independently and to take initiative
- Required: interest in nutrition and local/seasonal food
- Required: access to a reliable internet connection**
- Preferred: experience working with elementary age children or in a school setting
- Preferred: gardening and/or cooking experience

Application Procedure

1. Please submit a resume and detailed cover letter by email to:

   Ibti Vincent, Lead FoodPrints Teacher & Service Learning Coordinator
   ibti@freshfarm.org

   Your cover letter should include *your anticipated weekly day/time availability, and any transportation limitations (i.e. need metro-accessible site vs have car access)*. **There is a chance that all or part of FoodPrints programming for the coming school year will be virtual, so all support staff must have access to reliable internet in order to support virtual FoodPrints classes.

2. Top applicants will be contacted to set up a live video interview.

3. Successful candidates will be selected and offered positions (pending DCPS volunteer clearance) once the DCPS and FoodPrints calendars have been set. All new support staff will receive orientation and ongoing training.