



FOODPRINTS GARDEN ASSISTANT

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WHO WE ARE: FRESHFARM is a non-profit that promotes sustainable agriculture and improves food access and equity in the Mid-Atlantic Region. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat by giving them hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, fresh, local foods in season. We currently operate in 15 D.C. Public Elementary Schools in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

WHAT YOU'LL DO: FoodPrints Garden Assistants are responsible for assisting a Lead FoodPrints Teacher and/or Garden Manager with weekly maintenance of one or more FoodPrints gardens. There may also be opportunities to assist with in-person garden sessions. This position would be of particular interest to students studying environmental science or agriculture or those looking to expand their organic gardening skills.

Garden Maintenance

- Assist with garden maintenance, including weed whacking, planting, pruning, weeding, watering, harvesting, pest management, and other tasks as needed during the growing season

Garden Education Support

- If there is interest, this position can also support in-person gardening class instruction, under the guidance of a Lead FoodPrints Teacher, pending DCPS clearance.
 - All staff must comply with FRESHFARM and FoodPrints safety protocols given the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, all staff and students in FoodPrints classes must be masked at all times.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE & STRENGTHS

- Required: at least one year of college completed; attention to detail and record keeping; interest in sustainable agriculture
- Preferred: gardening experience

PHYSICAL & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- DCPS Volunteer Clearance (free, valid for 2 years)
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions while upright and/or stationary for a few consecutive hours
- Access to a car is helpful, but not required

POSITION DETAILS

- This is a part-time position with variable weekly hours, ranging from 5-20 hours per week. Assistants and FoodPrints staff will determine a mutually agreeable schedule.
 - This is a seasonal role. The role will run for the duration of the Fall Semester (early September through early/mid December 2021). FRESHFARM will establish a mutually agreeable final date. This role may be extended through the Spring Semester (ending June 2022) if there is mutual interest.
 - Garden work will take place weekdays (M-F) between 9am and 4pm Eastern.
 - Preferred start date: August 24, 2021
- All school gardens are located at DC Public Schools that are accessible by metro train or bus.
- FoodPrints Assistants are responsible for completing a weekly timesheet to track their hours.
- Training and periodic check-ins will be conducted by FoodPrints' Service Learning Manager and Garden Manager.
- Interns will receive a monthly stipend to offset transportation and living expenses -- stipend amount will depend on the weekly time commitment, but will range from \$200-800 monthly; federal work-study students will be paid in accordance with their FWS award (FWS option available for AU and GW students only).

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to Ibtí Vincent, FoodPrints Service Learning Manager: ibti@freshfarm.org

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

FRESHFARM is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to diversity and building an equitable and inclusive workplace for people of all backgrounds and experiences. We encourage members of traditionally underrepresented groups to apply, including people of color, LGBTQ+ people, veterans, and people with disabilities. We do not discriminate, and will take affirmative action measures to prevent discrimination against any employee or job applicant on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, disability, or veteran status in the following areas: (1) Employment, recruitment, or advertisements for employment, (2) Compensation, termination, upgrading, and promotions, and/or (3) Any other conditions of employment