



Youth Program Internship

Background

City Green, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the establishment of urban farms and gardens in northern New Jersey's cities to create increased access to healthy, local food while cultivating education in food systems, nutrition and the environment. City Green offers practical, technical and financial support to community members of all ages to design, create and manage these urban green spaces. City Green promotes food justice and environmental equality through these greening efforts.

Overview

Internships are available for-credit or as service-learning experiences. The amount of hours that interns will commit per week will be determined by the Intern Coordinator and the intern, depending on credit requirements and availability. Orientation for all interns will take place at the beginning of each semester and will be facilitated and led by City Green's Intern Coordinator with support from City Green Staff. City Green offers a dynamic opportunity for interns to work in the local community to provide support for our existing programs, as well as to gain valuable skills in knowledge about non-profits, sustainable agriculture, the environment, public health, and working with diverse communities. The Intern Coordinator will serve as the primary supervisor for all interns and will coordinate schedules, projects, training and extension activities. Routine check-ins, required assessments and any other evaluation needed for for-credit interns will be organized with the Intern Coordinator.

About the Youth Programming Internship

The Youth Programming Intern will work with City Green's Youth Programming team on efforts to provide children grades PreK-12th the opportunity to participate in gardening experiences; develop a deeper understanding of the natural environment; gain understanding of food systems and the importance of eating healthy foods; and have access to outdoor natural spaces in their own community. Youth Program Internships are available in Spring, Summer, and Fall, and tasks will vary between seasons:

SPRING/FALL:

- Educating at after-school programming and field trips throughout the season at our urban farms in Paterson and Clifton, providing PreK – 12th grade youth with direct, hands-on experience with farms, food sources, and nature.
- Assist in school garden build projects to install raised beds and outdoor classroom elements at schools, PreK – 12th grade, enrolled in City Green's School Grounds network of 90+ school partners.

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- Work alongside and serve as a role model to the Growing Strong High School Interns. Provide assistance to the Growing Strong Interns and their Crew Leaders in implementing City Green's multi-location PreK – 2nd grade garden and farm camp programs.

ALL SEASONS:

- Assist in program data collection and record keeping to be used in output and outcome evaluation. Data collection tools include attendance logs, observation records, and surveys.
- Collaborate with the Youth Programming Department to develop a research-based database of curriculum and best practices for youth based educational programming aligned with the organization's mission.
- Complete a written assignment and presentation on an assigned topic
- Perform other duties as assigned

Preferred Qualifications:

- Interest and experience in one of the following fields: education, public health, nutrition, environmental sciences, youth development, community outreach, urban agriculture, sustainability
- Ability to respectfully work and engage with diverse demographics in a wide range of community settings
- Comfortable working with children of all ages, and willing to participate in classroom behavior management
- Must have strong communication skills
- High energy and a consistently positive attitude is a must
- Must be able to work in outdoor weather conditions and lift up to 50 lbs.
- Must have own transportation to and from the City Green Farm Eco-Center

How To Apply:

Please submit application form, resume, cover letter, and one letter of recommendation to opportunities@city-green.org. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and positions will remain open until filled. Please contact City Green at 973-869-4086 or info@city-green.org with any questions.