



## City Green Urban Agriculture Internship/Service Learning Experience

### **About City Green**

City Green is a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the establishment of urban farms and gardens in northern New Jersey's cities to enrich the lives of inner city residents, while cultivating education in public health, 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 social justice and environmental equality through these greening efforts.

### **About the Urban Agriculture Internship**

City Green envisions livable, green, sustainable urban communities and as a City Green Urban Agriculture Intern, you will have an active role in helping us achieve this vision. Whether for class credit or service hours, the City Green Urban Agriculture Internship promises to be an experience that benefits both your area of interest and the community at-large.

City Green's UA Internship Program will provide participants with a wide variety of hands-on work, educational experiences and independently-led projects to support City Green's mission of creating and supporting urban farms, community gardens, school gardens and green spaces while addressing public health concerns, nutrition inequality and environmental stewardship.

The goal of the Urban Agriculture (UA) Internship is to provide a dynamic opportunity to aspiring people of varied educational fields who believe that the urban agriculture movement can create environmental justice, food security, and communal outdoor experiences for residents of Northern New Jersey's inner cities. We are a mission-driven team and the UA Intern's role and responsibilities will be integrated within our existing programmatic structure to implement engaging and educational programs and deepen our reach into the community.

### **Schedule and Structure**

Urban Agriculture (UA) Internships follow a spring, summer, or fall semester calendar. The specific period of time is outlined in the application. The amount of hours that UA

Interns will commit per week will be determined by the UA Coordinator and the UA Intern depending on credit requirements and availability.

Orientation for all UA Interns will take place at the beginning of each semester and will be facilitated and led by City Green's UA Intern Coordinator with support from City Green Staff.

City Green offers a dynamic opportunity for UA Interns to work in the local community to provide support for our existing programs including City Green Farms and Markets, New Ground, Eat Better Tonight Workshops, School Grounds, Middle School Environmental Clubs, Community Engagement Initiatives and Special Events.

The UA Coordinator will serve as the primary supervisor for all UA Interns and coordinate the UA Interns' 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 UA Coordinator.

### **Projects and Initiatives**

Due to the seasonal nature of our work and programs, UA Intern projects, assignments and activities will be based on the season of the semester you are with us. This is a general list of what UA Interns can expect as part of their job responsibilities.

UA Interns may have the opportunity to:

- Work to address food insecurity by growing local produce using sustainable agriculture practices. Tasks include planting, weeding, and harvesting in the fields and in the greenhouse. Organic pest management, composting, harvesting, soil health and sustainable farming practices will be covered.
- Provide support at City Green Farm stands in nutritionally at-risk communities. Help implement our Double Value Coupon Program accepting federal food benefits to incentivize healthy food purchases
- Coordinate the implementation of the "Good Food Box", our farm-to-pantry program that delivers unsold produce to local food pantries and food assistance organizations
- Support our efforts to grow our capacity to serve more families and individuals by evaluating consumer satisfaction and statistics at our farm stands and markets, analyzing data and generating dynamic reports of findings.
- Serve as a School Garden Ambassador to inner-city schools with gardens, educating students of all ages and helping to maintain healthy, thriving school gardens.
- Work with students and City Green staff to construct school gardens that act as practical outdoor classes where children gain valuable nutrition and environmental education.

- Act as an educator at field trips to our urban farms in Paterson and Clifton, providing inner-city youth with direct, hands-on experience with farms, food sources, and nature.
- Provide much-needed farm-to-table eating and cooking instruction to participants in our “Eat Better Tonight” workshop and taste-tests at social service agencies, food assistance organizations and community centers
- Organize communities and build relationships with groups who seek support with community gardening initiatives. Provide technical and organizational assistance for community gardens from the planning stages through construction, planting and seasonal support
- Support inner-city residents’ efforts to revitalize and beautify their neighborhoods and blocks while promoting urban environmental stewardship as part of our “Green Your Block” Program by organizing park cleanups, gardening workshops, and flower plantings with our partners.
- Help facilitate intergenerational horticultural therapy program for senior citizens to encourage healthy living and participation in outdoor activity.
- Provide much-needed, safe and beautiful outdoor recreation opportunities for residents by planning and coordinating special events and community gatherings, such as our Annual Harvest Festival
- Cultivate education in public health, nutrition and the environment through the development of engaging and informative tool kits and traveling exhibits and implement them at health fairs, green fairs and community events
- Promote middle-school environmental education and activism by designing creative educational tools, traveling exhibits and planning action-oriented initiatives for middle-school environmental clubs and science classes



## City Green Urban Agriculture Internship/ Service Learning Application

- Please Submit Your Application, Resume and One Letter of Reference to Jasmine Moreano, Director of Community Engagement:  
Email: [jmoreano@city-green.org](mailto:jmoreano@city-green.org)  
Mail: City Green, 171 Grove St. Clifton, NJ 07013  
Fax: 973-998-0682

**Name**

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**Street Address**

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**Phone Number**

**E-Mail Address**

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**Educational Institution  
(if applicable)**

**Are you 18 years old or older? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Anticipated Graduation  
Date**

**Major/  
Concentration**

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**Do you intend to receive academic credit for this internship? \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N**

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**If you answered "Yes" to the question above, how many hours are you required to complete?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hours**

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**Please indicate what semester you are applying for: Spring  Summer  Fall**

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**Please answer one of the following questions and submit with your application:**

1. If this internship would be satisfying educational requirements, please detail your educational goals for the semester you would serve as a City Green Urban Agriculture Intern and share how you think the Urban Agriculture Internship will address these educational goals.
2. If this would be a Service Learning experience, not related to academic credit, please share what interests you about working with an urban agriculture organization and how you hope it will help you achieve your future goals.