



Governors Island Teaching Garden Teaching Garden Educator - Fall 2017

GrowNYC's Teaching Garden is seeking an enthusiastic individual with an interest in garden-based environmental education to help facilitate programming at the Teaching Garden for NYC students in grades K-12.

Governors Island Teaching Garden is a 21,000 square foot urban farm that aims to engage, excite, and educate New York City public school students and the public in all aspects of urban farming and environmental sustainability. Through developmentally appropriate, hands-on, educational programming students and the public participate in activities such as planting, watering, weeding, mulching, harvesting, and cooking.

GrowNYC is seeking an individual with experience in garden-based education to join the Teaching Garden staff as a Teaching Garden Educator for our Fall season. Applicants should have an interest in urban agriculture, food justice, environmental sustainability, alternative forms of education, and be comfortable working outdoors in all conditions and with children of all ages and abilities.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead hands-on garden-based lessons 3 days/week for NYC students grades K-12. Lessons include planting, cooking lessons, garden tour, compost explorations, and rainwater harvesting.
- Assist in developing creative lesson plans, activities, and recipes for school field trips.
- Delegate tasks to corporate volunteer groups on occasional weekday afternoons.
- Set-up and breakdown of educational stations (may include some heavy lifting).
- With the guidance of the Farm Coordinator, participate in all aspects of intensive organic vegetable production: planning, planting, harvesting, record-keeping, pest/weed control, irrigation, and compost management.

Desired qualifications:

- Teaching and farming/gardening experience
- A willingness to work outside in all weather conditions
- Curiosity, creativity, ability to innovate, and willingness to be vocal about your ideas
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Quick-thinking and highly adaptable with a positive attitude
- An interest in garden-based education and passion for social justice and environmental sustainability
- Experience with and desire to work with diverse groups of NYC students
- Ability to commit for the duration of the Fall 2017 season is required

Fall school field trip programming takes place every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from **September 12th - November 9th**. Work hours on these days are **8:30am - 3:30pm**. Training will take place the week of **September 4th**. All qualified candidates will be considered. Compensation: \$15/hour and includes only statutory benefits

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to sconnell@grownyc.org . Application are being accepted on a rolling basis. No phone calls please. GrowNYC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.