



Governors Island Teaching Garden Weekend Program Associate - Fall 2018

Background: The 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, environmental sustainability, green infrastructure, and healthy eating. Through developmentally appropriate, experiential and educational programming, students and the public participate in activities such as planting, watering, weeding, mulching, harvesting, and cooking.

Position Description: GrowNYC is seeking an enthusiastic individual with an interest in garden-based environmental education to help facilitate programming and logistics at the Teaching Garden for the public on weekends during the remainder of the 2018 public season (May-October). Reporting to the Program Manager, the Weekend Program Associate will be responsible for assisting with the delivery of the Teaching Garden's weekend public programs, and the curricula and materials that support these. Applicants should have an interest in urban agriculture and sustainability, environmental education, and be comfortable working outdoors in all conditions and with people of all ages and abilities. The successful candidate will be a capable self-starter, willing and excited to grow existing initiatives, develop new ideas, and expand the Teaching Garden's public weekend offerings.

Responsibilities include:

1. Interact with the public during the garden's weekend open hours by encouraging participation in garden-based activities and providing information about the garden and GrowNYC.
2. Coordinate site prep each morning and site breakdown each afternoon (may include some heavy lifting)
3. Manage weekend farm stand, including harvest, set-up, break-down, and handling cash.
4. With guidance from the Education Coordinator, develop and implement creative activities and recipes for weekend visitors and volunteers.
5. With support from Garden Educators, lead monthly drop-in volunteer events to groups of all ages and abilities.
6. With the guidance of the Farm Coordinator, participate in all aspects of intensive organic vegetable production: planting, harvesting, record-keeping, pest/weed control, irrigation, and compost management.
7. Assist with public outreach through weekly social media updates

Additional Qualifications:

- Ability to commit for the duration for the 2018 season (September and October) required
- Knowledge of sustainable agriculture and urban sustainability
- Experience with and desire to work with diverse groups of New Yorkers
- Willingness to be in outdoor settings in hot/cold/rainy weather
- Ability to stand and walk for extended periods, and carry bulky and heavy items
- Some teaching and farming/gardening experience

Position Details:

Saturdays and Sundays from September 1st - October 28th. Hours are approximately 10:00am-5:00pm.
Compensation: \$16/hr and includes only statutory benefits. **All qualified candidates will be considered.**

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to schoolgardens@grownyc.org
Combine all submissions into one PDF and write "Garden Educator" in the subject line. Application are being accepted on a rolling basis, until September 15th 2018. No phone calls please. GrowNYC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.