



FARM PRODUCTION INTERN

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Samaritan Women is a Christian nonprofit organization in SW Baltimore that operates a 2 acre organic urban farm. We grow chemical-free produce that is retailed at local farmers' markets or donated to local shelters and families in nutritional poverty. What we have learned in our experience with the urban palette is "you can grow it, but they may not eat it." Too often residents in urban food deserts are unfamiliar with a wide variety of foods and how to prepare them in healthful ways. All good intentions are lost and fresh food goes wasted. This initiative is a partnership between The Samaritan Women Farms and the Baltimore Culinary community to provide meaningful education to help inner city families learn about fresh produce and better cooking practices with the ultimate goal of developing a palette and demand for fresh produce.

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

This is a full semester position, averaging 4-6 hours/week.

QUALIFICATIONS and REQUIREMENTS

Our intern should be motivated by the mission of improving the nutritional landscape of the city using creative strategies and innovative community partnerships. Intern should be articulate, be comfortable making public presentations and have strong writing skills. Must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and carry your own liability insurance.

COMPENSATION

This is not a compensated position. On occasions, meals may be provided (*from professional chefs, so how bad can that be?*)

DUTIES

- Work alongside our Vocational Programs Chair and Culinary Programs Director on specific assignments
- Conduct research on other national or state programs and identify models or tools that may be used in this initiative
- Work with the culinary community to assert recipes that make good use of in-season produce, translating those recipes for appropriate education levels and incomes
- Make presentations to community leaders about health, nutrition, food handling and preparation. May be asked to lead farm tours as part of community workshops.
- May participate in food preparation and delivery to demonstration sites.
- Participate in cooking demonstrations and education workshops for inner city residents, youth, and community leaders
- Assist in developing marketing and educational materials
- May participate in farm-related activities such as establishing seeds and starters, transplanting, weeding, watering, harvesting, and got-to-market prep work
- Author an end-of-assignment report on community impact, recommendations for expansion, and personal impressions.

TO APPLY

Submit a short summary of your personal/professional goals, why you are interested in this intern position and note any experience with farming, gardening, farm equipment and tools. This should be no more than 1 page. Email to Derrick Purcell, TSW Board member, achefsview@live.com Candidates should also make arrangements to visit The Samaritan Women Farms for a tour and to learn more about our operations. Contact Jeanne Allert for the tour (jallert@thesamaritanwomen.org)