



Seasonal Production Intern

Position Description

The Production Internship is an opportunity for a select number of participants to learn and practice a variety of skills related to urban farming and small scale mixed vegetable production. You can learn more about our work at www.thetalkingfarm.org.

Our Farmers work hard to be both efficient and experimental with our farming practices as we establish a beautiful and diverse ecosystem in the city. Under the direction of the Production Manager and Farm Team, Production Interns will learn about soil preparation, crop care, harvest, and marketing of produce as they support the day-to-day operations of our 2.5-acre farm campus in the heart of Skokie.

While the work will be hard, there are perks to being a Production Intern! This is a tremendous opportunity for growth and learning. These skills and experiences are applicable in a variety of environments, and we hope they will challenge you in new and positive ways.

Howard Street Farm

The Howard Street Farm is our main operating site where we grow fresh, hyper-local food using innovative and sustainable practices while educating our community about the environment, agriculture, biodiversity, permaculture, horticulture, gardening, and social justice and health issues.

Through a land-use agreement with the Skokie Park District, the Howard Street Farm was created by developing 2.5 acres of uncontaminated, overgrown land (formerly a horse pasture) into vegetable, herb, and flower production integrated with a variety of fruit trees and bushes, nut trees, and other perennial species. In 2014, after being granted Skokie's first zoning designation for urban agriculture, we began operating the Howard Street Farm as a full-production urban farm, which means that we are able to distribute and sell our hyper-fresh, locally-grown produce to the community.

What We Look For

- Believers in the power of education and food
- A commitment to Social Justice
- An ability to communicate effectively with diverse groups of individuals
- A high degree of self-reliance, confidence, and initiative
- A positive attitude and the ability to hear, reflect upon, and implement feedback
- A demonstrated interest in understanding organic and sustainable growing practices
- Individuals who are capable of lifting 50+lbs and participating in the demands of farm work for full days in varying weather

Duration and Compensation

This is a stipend-based learning opportunity with access to organic produce as it is available. Production Interns are expected to work between 10-20 hours per week for one of three seasonal rounds of our 8-12 week program (Spring, Summer, or Fall). Interns are also required to work a mandatory Tuesday morning shift from 8:30-12. Any college credit must be coordinated by the student at the institution's discretion.

To Apply

To apply for this position please submit a letter of interest and resume with the subject "2022 Production Internship" to Production Manager, Jesse Schaffer at jesse@thetalkingfarm.org. Deadline for this application is March 1st for Spring, April 15th for Summer, and July 1st for Fall.