



About the Green Heart Project:

Founded in 2009, the Green Heart Project is a 501©3 non-profit organization that builds experiential learning projects and school garden programs in the Charleston area. With a high value placed on health, education and community, the Green Heart Project pairs local volunteers with students to maintain school gardens while teaching academic standards, food & nutrition and interpersonal skills. The Green Heart Project currently reaches over 2,200 students across thirteen partner sites. For more information, please visit our website at www.greenheartsc.org.

About the Green Heart Project's Farms and Gardens:

The Green Heart Project actively manages 2 Urban Farms (½ acre Urban Farm at Enston Home and ⅛ acre Urban Farm at Mitchell Elementary School) and 8 school garden sites across the Charleston area. This amounts to 125 raised garden beds, 2,000 linear feet of in-ground rows, 17 fruit trees, and multiple covered outdoor classroom spaces. We grow year-round, using organic growing practices to ensure the health of the flora, fauna, and humans in these spaces. Our farms and gardens are dedicated to fulfilling our mission of educating students, connecting people, and cultivating community.

Position Description:

Farm & Garden Intern (10-20 hours per week; 3-6 month internship)

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Farm & Garden Intern's primary responsibility is to assist the Farm and Garden staff with maintaining and organizing the farm and gardens throughout the course of the semester. The Farm & Garden Intern also helps keep an inventory of garden materials to ensure that The Green Heart Project's programs are successful. This is an essential role to ensure that our Farm to School programs and our community outreach initiatives are effective and successful.

Work will be outlined during one weekly meeting with Farm and Garden staff, then carried out by working independently, or with staff and volunteers in the garden.

Farm and Garden Intern will develop hands-on skills leading to competence in maintaining and executing a multi-season crop plan and successful Farm to School programs. The Intern will share their knowledge and work alongside a wide variety of student and community participants.

This position does not include financial compensation.



Duties include but are not limited to:

Farms and Garden Maintenance.....10-20 hours (weekly)

Assist with:

- Completing farm & garden tasks as they are assigned by Farm and Garden staff
- Ensuring gardens are successful and planting schedule is executed
- Organizing and maintaining lesson supplies and materials in advance of program lessons, farm and garden workdays and garden improvement projects
- Keeping inventory of Green Heart Project Farm and Garden supplies; Ensure supplies remain in good condition and neat order at GHP headquarters and garden sites
- Planning and carrying out Volunteer Work Days and garden improvement project work days.
- Attending Volunteer Work Days and garden improvement projects to support Farm and Garden staff

Other duties for The Green Heart Project as needed.....0-5 hours (weekly)

Assist with:

- Completing administrative, garden, and program-related tasks
- Preparing for and attend events involving the Green Heart Project

DESIRED SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Willingness to work outdoors
- Strong interest in theory and practice of agriculture and/or gardening
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Self-motivated and able to work independently, with guidance from a supervisor
- Affinity for the Green Heart mission of growing minds and cultivating community through food

In order to be considered for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to Nathan Burnell, Farm and Gardens Manager at nathan@greenheartsc.org. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The Green Heart Project believes that diversity and inclusion among our teammates is critical to the success of our mission. We encourage applications from candidates of all races, religions, genders, ages, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds.