



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Internship Title: Campus Food Gardens Intern

About Us: The entire College Park campus is an arboretum and botanical garden. Within this area, there are several gardens dedicated to growing herbs, vegetables, and fruit. These food gardens are run collaboratively with several departments, including the Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Dining Services, the Institute of Applied Agriculture.

The goals of these gardens are:

- To encourage healthy eating in our campus community
- To educate our community and visitors about food production
- To model the University of Maryland's vision of a green university

Intern Duties: The intern will focus on edible gardening and will be responsible for maintenance and communication tasks, including:

- Attending garden leadership meetings and work hours with staff
- Visiting food garden sites and gardens across campus to assess needs
- Fostering communication and leadership between and among campus food gardens
- Performing garden maintenance activities, such as weeding, mulching, pruning, and planting
- Supporting volunteer project days, such as gathering tools, and transporting plants or mulch

Learning Objectives: By working closely with the staff of the Arboretum and Botanical Garden and other students, faculty, and staff involved with campus food gardens, the intern will gain experience in many aspects of food production, sustainability, and horticulture. The campus is a large and diverse environment with many different stakeholders, from students to professors to visitors to staff. The intern will learn skills in customer service, multi-tasking, trouble-shooting/problem-solving, adapting to different situations, researching, coordination at events, creating and maintaining inventories, editing promotional materials, communication, organization, time management, and event management. The intern will also be responsible for the care and maintenance of the herb garden outside the STAMP Student Union.

Qualifications:

- Experience in home gardening, horticulture, agriculture, sustainability, landscape architecture, agriculture, public health, facilities management, or related field.
- Ability to commit to a consistent schedule throughout the semester
- Ability to work quickly with attention to detail both independently and with a team
- Must be able to interact with many types of people while maintaining a professional demeanor

Physical Demands: Must be free from debilitating pollen allergies and the like; must be able to lift and carry up to 50 lbs.; stand and walk continuously; stoop, and bend for extended periods; wear and work with personal protective equipment

Time Commitment: Hours flexible; 1 full semester or 1 full summer; can be extended to one year

Schedule: Monday - Saturday, timing flexible

Supervisors: Meg Smolinski, Volunteer Coordinator, Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
Meredith Epstein, Lecturer, Institute of Applied Agriculture

Compensation: Unpaid, but course credit may be available

Location: Arboretum Outreach Center, Building 156, 3931 Stadium Drive

To Apply: Send a cover letter, which includes your availability, and resume to arboretum@umd.edu with the title "Campus Food Garden Internship Application" in the subject line