Growing Food Security Garden Coordinator
Position Description 2017-2018

Student Sustainability Initiative – Student Leadership & Involvement

The Growing Food Security Garden Coordinator creates a space for garden education, student engagement, and advocacy to promote a sustainable and equitable food system for OSU community members.

Student Leadership & Involvement
Transformative Learning * Intentional Engagement * Conscious Community
Authentic Leadership * Social Justice

Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) shapes campus culture through self-discovery, leadership development, collaboration, community building and social responsibility with a myriad of active learning opportunities, preparing students to be catalysts for a more equitable and caring world.

Within SLI, the Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI) works to advance student efforts to create a culture of sustainability at OSU through programming that fosters environmental, social, and economic justice. One of SSI’s three Initiatives, Growing Food Security (GFS) is a collaborative program with the Human Services Resource Center (HSRC), and the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE). We define food security as universal access to nutritious, safe, culturally-appropriate foods that are produced in a sustainable and socially equitable manner, as well as people’s individual agency over their food choices. Growing Food Security engages students in building a sustainable campus food system through:

- Student-run organic gardens at Avery Lodge and the Student Experience Center
- Produce donation and service opportunities at the OSU Emergency Food Pantry
- Sustainable cooking workshops
- Educational discussions about food security and sustainable food systems

We are seeking a Growing Food Security Gardening Coordinator to manage the GFS organic garden at Avery Lodge and the permaculture garden at the Student Experience Center.

Position Responsibilities:

- Research best practices for student-led production gardens in higher education
- Manage all aspects of the Growing Food Security gardens: lead garden design, soil building, planting, irrigation management, crop rotation, weeding, composting, watering, harvesting, produce delivery, etc.
- Plan and lead weekly garden work parties and education workshops
- Recruit volunteers to support GFS initiatives through tabling, classroom presentations, and other outreach activities
- Coordinate donations to the OSU Food Pantry and HSRC emergency food box program
- Maintain records including garden design, crop rotation schedule, volunteer log, and produce poundage
- Evaluate programming success for outcomes including student engagement and learning as well as poundage of food produced and donated to the OSU Food Pantry
- Plan, run, and evaluate events and programming related to food security and sustainable food systems
- Maintain relationships with on and off-campus partners working in related fields, particularly the Global Community Kitchen, OSU Sustainability Office, OSU Sustainable Food Group, Organic Growers Club, Food, Culture, and Social Justice Program, Department of Horticulture, UHDS, local food pantries, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition’s Food Action Team, and the Corvallis Environmental Center’s SAGE garden
- Remain knowledgeable about SSI’s initiatives, events, and volunteer/job opportunities and respond to student inquiries in a respectful and welcoming manner
- Meet regularly with supervisor to provide updates on work progress
• Actively participate in weekly staff meetings and Growing Food Security meetings
• Model sustainability leadership while recruiting, training, and supporting volunteers and interns
• Work with SSI’s Administrative Coordinator to manage budget and make timely, effective purchases
• Work with marketing team to promote projects and events in a timely and effective manner
• Uphold the values of Student Leadership & Involvement
• 2.5 hours per term on average to support signature SLI events and programming
• 2.5 hours per term on average for ongoing professional development and community building

Required Qualifications:
• Organic gardening experience
• Demonstrated interest and passion for sustainability and food security
• Demonstrated interpersonal communication, relationship building, and collaboration skills
• Demonstrated ability to be self-motivated and take initiative in following through on tasks
• Demonstrated ability to manage time and organize work with attention to detail
• Effective verbal and written communication skills
• Must be a currently enrolled at OSU for at least 6 academic credits (undergraduates) or 3 credits (graduate) per term
• Must be in good academic standing for the term prior to selection and during entire period of employment
• Cumulative GPA of 2.0 (undergraduates) or 3.0 (graduates) and be in good academic standing

Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience with garden design
• Demonstrated knowledge of and passion for holistic (environmental, social, and economic) sustainability, especially as it pertains to food security and food systems
• Completion of HORT 260 Organic Gardening
• Horticulture or related major
• Prior involvement in leadership activities, student organizations, event planning and/or outreach activities
• Experience in social justice or diversity work and/or working with diverse populations
• Experience educating, training, and/or mentoring others
• Experience with facilitating reflection or dialogues
• Experience with partnership development and collaborative programs
• Maintain at least a cumulative and term GPA of 2.5 (undergraduates)

Terms:
• Summer hours at 15-20 hours/week starting as soon as possible
• Hired for 2017–2018 academic year with the expectation of employment during fall, winter, and spring terms.
• Fall start date: September 5, 2017 through June 15, 2018 (with one spring training in May)
• Expected to work an average of 15 hours each week with some flexible program hours, including evening and weekend hours as required to implement effective programming
• Required to attend weekly staff meetings, supervisory meetings, professional development sessions (2-4 times/term)
• Pay rate is $10.55 per hour

Training Commitment:
• Required to fully participate in SLI Spring Orientation (May 21, 2017) and Fall Training (September 5-19, 2017)
• Strongly encouraged to attend other leadership and social justice training opportunities whenever possible

OSU commits to inclusive excellence by advancing equity and diversity in all that we do. We are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, and particularly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, veterans, LGBTQ community members, and others who demonstrate the ability to help us achieve our vision of a diverse and inclusive community.

Questions? Contact Emily Bowling, Assistant Director for Civic Engagement & Sustainability
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