

Garden Education Internship 2022

Downtown Greens is a nonprofit founded in 1995 in downtown Fredericksburg with a mission to foster community involvement and growth by protecting and nurturing urban greenspace through collaborative environmental stewardship and experiential education.

Position: Garden Education Intern

Internship Description:

We are seeking a candidate who is kind, patient, and enjoys working with children to assist with program needs. An ideal candidate will be interested in pursuing a career in education or child development.

This internship is designed to give interested college students and recent graduates an immersive experience working on the education team of local nonprofit, Downtown Greens. It provides practical experience in a hands-on setting and gives participants the chance to develop skills needed for a career in non-formal education, such as gardens or parks.

The Garden Education Intern will gain experience with all aspects of our education team: planning and leading portions of our plant-based nature programs, assisting with summer camps, gardening and other light physical work, developing teaching aids, and administrative duties and special projects as assigned. The Garden Education Intern will develop and demonstrate skills in garden-based education, gardening and sustainability, and child development.

Responsibilities could include:

- Participate in and help lead education programs and children's half-day camps
- Report data from educational programs
- Assist with development of interpretive materials
- Participate in on-the-job and professional training as available
- Shadow education team members

Intern Qualifications (preferred)

- Must enjoy and have enthusiasm for working with children
- Experience working with children and participating in outdoor recreation
- Experience or education in Biology, Horticulture, Botany, Education, or Environmental Science is a plus.
- In order to keep our vulnerable populations safe, we ask all staff, including interns, who actively work with children to be fully vaccinated and/or wear CDC approved masks at all times

Location and Hours

- Position will be located at the Downtown Greens headquarters and Walker-Grant Center in Fredericksburg, VA
- General schedule: Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30pm

To apply:

Interested applicants should provide a letter of interest, explaining why they are seeking the internship and what skills they bring to the position. In addition, please provide at least two letters of reference from teachers, coaches, or other adults that can speak to the applicant's responsibility and maturity. Please submit application materials, or any questions regarding this position, to education@downtowngreens.org.