

Earn Credit with Downtown Greens Urban Agriculture Internship

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: Urban Agriculture Internship

Internship Description:

This internship is designed to give interested college students and recent graduates an immersive experience working on the urban agriculture team of a local nonprofit organization, Downtown Greens. It provides practical experience in a hands-on setting and gives participants the chance to develop skills needed for a career in small-scale farming and food based agriculture.

The Urban Agriculture Intern will gain experience with all aspects of small-scale farming: growing herbs and vegetables, weeding planted areas, assisting with Farm Youth Program volunteers, mulching, planting raised beds and trellises, and maintenance of non-planted areas and mulched pathways.

Responsibilities could include:

- Perform various landscape maintenance including weeding, mulching, edging, raking, and watering planted areas as needed
- Plant seeds, vegetable seedlings, and flowers
- Assist with coordination of volunteers
- Assist with vegetable plant identification and weed identification
- Assist with development of garden bed maps
- Prune and trim plants as needed to encourage yield
- Assist with irrigation
- On-the-job training and shadowing with Farm Manager

Preferred Qualifications

- Must enjoy and have enthusiasm for working outdoors.
- Experience working in outdoor vegetable gardening and plant care.
- Knowledge of fertilizing schedule, watering schedule, and plant needs
- Considerable ability to communicate clearly and effectively with the public and staff members, with ability to prepare and present accurate reports.
- Ability to perform manual labor in a variety of weather conditions.
- Experience in Botany, Agriculture, and/or Environmental Science is a plus.

Location and Hours:

Position will be located at the Downtown Greens garden space in Fredericksburg, VA with possibility for remote work as well.

- Garden bed map and data collection can be completed at home or in the Downtown Greens office.
- Hours will vary depending on the individual's schedule, availability, and how many college credits they seek, if any.

To apply: Email resume and cover letter to gardens@downtowngreens.org. Visit www.downtowngreens.org for additional information.