

DOWNTOWN GREENS

Connecting people with nature



Urban Agriculture Internship

Downtown Greens is a nonprofit founded in 1995 in downtown Fredericksburg with a mission to enhance the well-being of our community by connecting people with nature through education and the preservation of greenspaces. Downtown Greens' vision is that one day we will live in a community where we feel a deep connection to nature, each other, and the food we eat.

Position: Urban Agriculture Intern

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 urban agriculture. Downtown Greens maintains a 3,000 square foot food and pollinator garden for the education of all ages but predominately our youth programs.

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

Responsibilities could include:

- Perform various landscape maintenance needs including weeding, mulching, edging, raking, and watering planted areas as needed
- Plant seeds, vegetable seedlings, and flowers
- 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 Education Manager and/or Youth Garden Coordinator

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
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with the public and staff members
- Ability to perform manual labor in a variety of weather conditions.
- Experience in Botany, Agriculture, and/or Environmental Science is a plus.

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Location and Hours:

The position will be located at the Downtown Greens Downtown Campus Upper Garden in Fredericksburg, VA. There is minimal opportunity for remote work with this position. Downtown Greens uses Google Workspace such as Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Drive.

- Garden bed mapping and data collection can be completed at home, on campus, 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.
- This is an unpaid internship.

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