

Vermont Garden Network

Sowing Seeds Internship - Spring 2024

Length of internship: January 22 to May 31, 2024

Hours: 8 hrs per week, including in-person garden work and remote work from a personal computer

Position Summary: The Sowing Seeds Internship is an opportunity for hands-on learning to support food access and garden education at the Vermont Garden Network. The internship will offer a unique opportunity to experience and support a handful of programs through administrative support and field work during a time of year when we are gearing up for the growing season ahead. The ideal candidate will skillfully assist with office-related tasks in late winter, then seamlessly transition to physical garden work in early spring, and joyfully wrap up the internship during peak planting time in late spring. Independent work and community-based work are both part of this internship.

Primary Duties:

- Coordinate seed bundle donation mailings, seed inventories, and plant donations
- Support early season garden prep at multiple garden sites, including: pruning, weeding, mulching, tending to perennials and annuals, direct seeding, etc.
- Participate in garden infrastructure maintenance on a regular basis, including: shed inventories, sharpening tools, labeling supplies, sign painting, etc.
- Represent VGN at garden opening days, tabling events, and community workshops
- Document activities through activity logs, photographs, and program reports

Skills & Qualifications:

- Interest in community-based gardening, food systems, food justice, agroecology
- Prior experience in organic vegetable gardening and/or farming is required
- Personal transportation to get to garden sites in and around Burlington is required
- Willingness to work outside and do physical work in all weather conditions
- Quick learner, able and willing to work independently
- Highly organized and detail-oriented to keep track of time sensitive tasks
- Ability to be flexible due to shifting needs of the gardens and programs

Compensation: \$15/hr

Students from academic institutions are encouraged to pursue internship funding/scholarships or academic credit when possible.

Application deadline: December 15, 2023.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and one professional reference to:

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