

Community Garden Internship

Have you ever wanted to learn more about resilient agriculture?
This is your chance!

Join our Community Garden Intern program! Internships are collaboratively developed between you and our program to be mutually beneficial.

Contact Diana McCall for more information at 828-337-8932 or diana.mccall@townofblackmountain.org

Internships allow individuals to cultivate experience with growing food and supporting food security efforts. Interns will gain experience with growing annual and perennial foods using resilient agriculture techniques, teaching in non-traditional settings, leading volunteer groups, and organizing community-based efforts. A person in this position can expect to learn how gardening connects to nutrition, health, and food security. Interns may develop a special project to enhance the community garden and surrounding park, or expand programming.

At the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden food is grown by private renters, and for donation to Bounty and Soul (a non-profit partner who shares produce and wellness programming with local people without charge). This garden uses organic methods, practices double-digging, and incorporates biodynamic, resilient agriculture and permaculture principles. With over 100 fruit and nut trees, a native plant trail, rainwater catchment, and special projects abounding, this garden is a great place to learn just about any gardening practice you can imagine.

Our program opportunity may be used to meet internship requirements from colleges and universities or to explore possible career changes. Individuals from any background are invited to apply, but should be comfortable getting dirty (literally) and engaging with a variety of individuals in public settings. Experience with gardening or farming is not required.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I earn Internship credit?

Yes, of course. We can work with your college to complete necessary paperwork.

Do I have to be a college student to be an intern?

No. Interns come from all kinds of backgrounds. Some of our best interns are adults considering a career change or folks taking a gap year from school or work.

How much time do I have to offer to be an intern?

Interns work in 3-4 hour blocks anywhere from one to five days/week, and can be with us from three to several months.



What is the pay for this position?

We have limited funds for our internship program and reserve these funds for long term interns--individuals who are with us for a minimum of 10 weeks or 100 hours. Each year, interns learn event planning and fundraising skills to raise funds for future interns.

If income is an important consideration for you, we can discuss how to fit this opportunity into your life and discuss compensation with our program.

What if I'm not sure? Can I try this out for a week or two?

Yes! Volunteering on a regular basis is a great way to determine if you want to spend more time in the garden and commit to working and growing with us. We have regular volunteer opportunities and can set up an opportunity that works with your schedule.

How To Apply

Contact Diana McCall to set up an introduction and let her know you are interested.

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