

Office of Sustainability - Garden Intern

Job Title: Sustainability Internship: Land stewardship, Campus Garden, and Pollinator Pathway

Location: Office of Sustainability, Facilities & Operations, Division of Research and Innovation

Salary: \$15.00/ hr, or commensurate with experience.

Schedule: Positions available until filled. Spring hours begin immediately and include 10 - 15 hours per week. Summer hours begin mid-may and will be 12 - 25 hours per week. Fall will last from Sept - Nov, or until hard frost ends the growing season and will require 12-19 hours per week. *****Summer availability is priority*****

Description:

Do you like working outdoors? The Office of Sustainability (OOS) will hire one or more reliable students to assist in planning, planting and maintaining the campus community garden and pollinator pathway behind Davis Hall. Sustainability internships are paid positions and the Office of Sustainability also welcomes candidates seeking academic credit rather than income. The campus garden is an evolving community space on campus. During warmer months of the year, interns learn to grow produce for donation at local soup kitchens and food pantries. Garden interns facilitate volunteer groups, classes, and student work parties and outdoor learning sessions. The garden is currently expanding the pollinator pathway as part of a national effort. Weekly hours will vary between spring, summer, fall (see schedule above)Shifts will occur outdoors in varying weather conditions. Garden experience is a plus, though not required! We will teach you!

Responsibilities:

- Assist and help lead planning, planting, and maintenance of 30 x 60 foot campus community garden and adjacent 15 x 60 foot pollinator pathway;
- Ensure the care of the garden and pollinator pathway by following recommended practices and daily/weekly/monthly task sheets;
- Harvest produce and schedule weekly donations to soup kitchens;
- Track supplies,assist with restock of inventory, and maintain an organized equipment shed;
- Assist with pre-planned tours of the garden to students, faculty, and staff;
- Encourage volunteering/maintain a volunteer schedule;
- Communicate with partner community organizations, student clubs, departments (faculty and classes), Greek life, SCSU food pantry and dining facilities;
- Assist with basic repairs of the fence, raised beds, and shed;
- Have a willingness to learn and expand their knowledge on successful garden practices;
- Collaborate with the communications intern in the OOS to create content and engage the campus community.

Qualifications: A successful candidate will be able to...

- Lift 20-25 pounds;
- Work outdoors in summer weather and enjoy time outdoors, even if weather conditions are less than perfect;
- Stand, sit, and squat for prolonged periods of time (weeding and other garden tasks);
- Work independently as part of a larger team;
- Familiarity with Google Drive and Office 365;
- Must be reliable, self-sufficient and able to problem solve;
- Show interest in urban agriculture, land stewardship, and food systems.

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their **resume** and **cover letter** to sustainability@southernct.edu with “**garden intern**” in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.