

Office of Sustainability - Garden Intern

Job Title: Student Worker

Location: Office of Sustainability, Facilities Operations.

Salary: \$15.69/ hr, or commensurate with experience.

Schedule: Positions available until filled. Hours begin in May 2024 and include 10 - 20 hours per week through the summer. Hours and days are flexible. Opportunity to work into the fall depending on scheduling availability of returning student workers.

Description:

The Office of Sustainability (OS) is seeking a student worker to support and participate in existing student-led sustainability projects at SCSU, and to support OS administrative tasks within the office in Facilities Operations. Projects include maintaining the campus Community Garden, attending off-site community events or site visits, and programming associated with the Community Garden. This is a paid position but the Office of Sustainability welcomes academic credit interns and thesis/capstone projects. The workplace setting includes the Campus Community Garden (outdoors, exposed to weather), and Facilities Operations Building. The majority of time will be spent working in the garden, where produce will be grown, harvested, and donated to local food pantries and soup kitchens. Gardening or farming experience is a plus, but not required.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in planning, planting, and maintenance of the 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 ensure weekly donations to receiving sites;
- 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/host volunteers at the garden;
- Communicate with partner community organizations, student clubs, departments (faculty and classes), Greek life, SCSU food pantry, and dining facilities;
- Have the willingness to learn and expand their knowledge of 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;
- Ascend and descend stairs;
- 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;
- ***Applicants must be matriculated at SCSU as an undergraduate or graduate student.

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.