

## Office of Sustainability - Garden Manager

**Job Title:** Garden Manager Student Worker

**Location:** Office of Sustainability, Facilities Operations.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience.

**Schedule:** Positions available until filled. Hours begin in late March/early April 2025 and include 20 - 30 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 is seeking a Garden Manager for the 2025 season. This position is for a current SCSU matriculated student and will be responsible for managing all aspects of the garden's development and maintenance. The ideal candidate will oversee the day-to-day care of plants and green spaces, supervise garden staff or volunteers, and contribute to the educational and environmental goals of the garden. This role combines practical gardening skills with an ability to plan and manage garden projects, ensuring a vibrant and eco-friendly space for the community. 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. The position requires strong communication and organization skills along with gardening or farming experience.

### Responsibilities:

- **Garden Maintenance:** Overseeing plant care, weeding, pruning, watering, and ensuring the garden is healthy and well-kept.
- **Project Management:** Planning seasonal planting, working with students or volunteers to design garden layouts or install new garden features.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Implementing sustainable gardening practices such as composting, water conservation, and native plant promotion.
- **Educational Outreach:** Assisting in workshops, events or hosting classes to educate students about gardening, sustainability, and plant biology.
- **Collaboration:** Working with other university departments, student and community organizations, and faculty to align garden projects with academic goals.
- **Recordkeeping:** Keeping track of planting schedules, inventory, and maintaining records of the garden's progress and donations to community soup kitchens and pantries.
- **Social Media:** 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, Office 365, Canva and social media platforms
- 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.
- \*\*\*Applicants must have a valid drivers license and clean driving record.

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their **resume** and **cover letter** to [sustainability@southernct.edu](mailto:sustainability@southernct.edu) with "**Garden Manager**" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.