



WASATCH
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Farm Assistant AmeriCorps (1700 Hour) Description

This AmeriCorps position is an exciting opportunity to assist Wasatch Community Gardens' Farm Director in running a job training program for women facing homelessness. The program takes place at the Green Phoenix Farm, a 1.4 acre urban farm located in downtown Salt Lake City. The farm assistant will gain extensive experience in organic vegetable production, seedling propagation, plant breeding and seed saving, as well as a fundamental understanding of regenerative agriculture. In addition, this position will gain experience into how working in the garden / farm environment can serve as a tool for personal growth, recovery, and social change.

This position will be responsible for doing basic farm and garden work, assisting with administrative tasks, and assisting as needed at all organizational events.

Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) empowers people to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. In serving as an AmeriCorps with WCG, you will develop professional non-profit career experience, work with a population of women who have barriers to traditional employment, assist other WCG Program Directors to gain exposure to youth programming and outreach activities, receive garden produce throughout the growing season, obtain hands-on experience with growing organic food at both a farm and garden level, and spend time outdoors in our beautiful outdoor teaching farm.

Hours: 10 month, 1700-hour position (February 7th, 2022 through December 9, 2022), averaging 40 hours/week.

Compensation: This is an individual placement position through the Utah State University Utah Conservation Corps Program, which will provide the selected individual(s) with:

- An educational award of \$6,340 upon successful completion of AmeriCorps service hours
- A living stipend of \$16,000 paid in even disbursements throughout term of service
- Health Insurance
- Childcare, for qualified members
- Federal student loan forbearance and interest accrual during term
- Workers Compensation
- Gain leadership training and practical experience in their future career field
- Become more civically engaged in the local community
- Boost their marketability for post-service job searches



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Primary Responsibilities:

- Work with Farm Director to plant, harvest, and maintain 1.4-acre organic vegetable farm
- Work with Farm Director to design, prepare, and move to new farm site
- Assist Farm Director in overseeing administrative tasks
- Assume responsibility for farm operations when Farm Director is offsite
- Occasionally supervise team members and volunteers

Required Qualifications / Experience:

- Strong interest in organic gardening/ farming combined with food justice issues
- Ability to perform physical garden work in variable weather conditions
- Ability to regularly lift 50 lbs.
- Ability to organize and manage groups
- Transportation to/from farm, office, and for occasional errands (some transportation reimbursements available)

Preferred Qualifications / Experience:

- Prior experience working with diverse and vulnerable populations
- Basic organic gardening skills
- Strong work ethic and enthusiasm

To Apply:

Send a resume, cover letter, and three references, with **1700 Hour AmeriCorps Farm Assistant Application** in the subject line, to openings@wasatchgardens.org. Position open until filled, but applications received prior to **5:00 pm Sunday, January 9th, 2022** will receive priority consideration. Resumes without a cover letter will not be considered. **Note: This position requires a rigorous background check prior to start date.** For questions, please email openings@wasatchgardens.org.