



## Spring Campus Garden Internship

### Organization and Program Description:

Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) is a community-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. Since 1989, we have provided children, adults, and families in Salt Lake County with access to land and education for growing and eating fresh produce, while building and nurturing community connections through gardening and healthy food. We accomplish this through four main programs: Community Garden, Community Education, Youth and School Gardens, and Job Training.

### Overview:

Be a part of our Campus Garden this Spring, where we maintain garden space and grow food for use in our programming. You'll be supporting our Agricultural Operations team in planning, growing, and maintaining and harvesting a variety of fruit, vegetables and herbs on a .5 acre organic garden. Food produced at this garden goes to feed both the kids and families that participate in our Youth and School program as well as Palmer Court Road Home and Glendale Community Learning Center. The garden also provides teaching space for our many workshops hosted throughout the year.

You'll partner with our staff to learn about organic gardening practices, pest and disease control, and You will also be a garden leader throughout the season supporting our volunteer work groups once a week, taking what you have learned so far in the season and teaching other members of the community as we grow together.

The Spring Campus Garden Internship runs 12 weeks from February 27th - May 19th and may include some time supporting our Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser held on May 13 & 14th

### Primary Responsibilities:

*Garden Management. 60% (3 hours/week, variable throughout development stages)*

- Maintain garden space with support of our Agricultural Operations Staff
- Harvest, wash, and distribute produce.
- Help with planning tasks for weekly volunteer groups

*Garden Education and Volunteer Support 40% (~2 hours/week)*

- Lead small groups (2-4 people) in completing garden tasks once a week
- Observe volunteers and ensure they are using best practices in their tasks
- Ensure tools and supplies are gathered and put away properly

**Required Qualifications:**

- Commitment to community empowerment, involvement and supporting culturally responsive food initiatives
- Ability to collaborate with community members from diverse backgrounds in individual and group contexts
- Organized, motivated, and able to work independently and as part of a group
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Access to reliable transportation to the garden
- Ability to accomplish physical tasks of garden management

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Knowledge of organic gardening methods and/or a desire to learn
- Enthusiasm for connecting community members with organic gardening education
- Ability to be flexible to changing plans and weather conditions

**Hours:**

This internship position is expected to be 5 hours a week for a total of 60 hours for the Spring Season (February 27th- May 19th). Our garden team is flexible on the schedule for your hours, but 2.5 hours will need to be during and in support of our weekly volunteer groups.

**Benefits:**

The Campus Garden Internship is unpaid, however we hope that the experience that you gain in learning organic garden management and the connections that are made in the community will support you in your gardening journey.

**To Apply:**

Please email the following materials to [amber@wasatchgardens.org](mailto:amber@wasatchgardens.org):

- Resume
- Short response (less than one page total) to the following items:
  1. Why are you interested in this position?
  2. What strengths will you bring to our team and this position?

Please put "Campus Garden Internship" in the subject line of your email. Applications will be accepted until **5:00pm on Friday, February 10, 2022**. **Applications without responses to the questions above will not be considered.**

**Final candidate must submit to and clear a background check.**

People of color, people with disabilities, veterans, and LGBTQ candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. WCG is committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all employees and applicants for employment based on individual qualifications and without regard to race, religion, gender, age, national origin, mental or physical disabilities, sexual orientation, or any other similarly protected status. It is our policy to comply with all applicable laws governing employment practices and not to discriminate on the basis of any unlawful criteria. WCG values the diverse backgrounds of its employees and works to create an open atmosphere of trust, honesty, and respect. WCG is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in its employment decisions.