

Short Season Farm Internship – 2016

Zenger Farm, Portland, Oregon

Rolling Applications

Position Type: part-time internship, unstipended



ZENGER FARM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit working urban farm that models, promotes, and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development, and access to good food for all.

Short-Season Farm Interns will join the Full-Season Farm Interns in the fields for eight weeks during the summer or fall months. At Zenger Farm, produce is grown and harvested for a 90-member CSA, local restaurants, and one weekly farmers market on four acres of urban farmland. The farm is also home to a flock of laying hens. The Short-Season Farm Internship offers hands-on experience in basic farm skills. This internship will be primarily a hands-on, physical education, but will be supplemented by 10 hours of workshop instruction in sustainable farming practices as well as dedicated training in the fields. Short-Season Farm Interns work closely with the Farm Managers and Full-Season Farm Interns. They are also an integral part of the Zenger Farm community, working at times alongside education staff, youth program participants, and volunteers.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (with option to come on Thursdays and Fridays)
- SUMMER: June 20th – August 10th (with option to extend beyond August 10th)
- FALL: August 22nd – October 19th

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Field Work: Most field work at Zenger Farm is done by hand, and includes seeding, planting, weeding, watering, trellising, harvesting, hauling, washing, and packing produce for sale
- Animal Care: Watering, feeding, cleaning, and care of chickens and turkeys
- General Farm Maintenance: Tool and equipment care, farm and property upkeep
- Summer and Fall tasks will differ, please inquire for more information

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 18 years or older at start of internship
- Demonstrated interest in gardening/farming
- Physical fitness and ability to lift 50 lbs
- Positive, can-do attitude
- Self-Motivated: Farm work requires physical and mental endurance, and farm days are spent outside in any weather
- Flexible: Farming is dynamic, and interns must be able to shift gears quickly and efficiently
- Collaborative: Farming Interns must be comfortable operating as members of a team

BENEFITS: This is an unpaid volunteer internship, room and board are not provided

- Hands-on training in small-scale, sustainable farming practices
- 10 hours workshop instruction in sustainable farming practices
- 1 CSA share during internship dates

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a completed Short-Season Farm Internship Application (included below), resume, and contact information for two work-related references. Submit application materials to Gareth Stacke via e-mail, Gareth@zengerfarm.org, or mail materials to Zenger Farm, Attn: Gareth Stacke, Farm Internship, 11741 SE Foster Rd. Portland, OR 97266. Email the above address if you would like to receive the application as a word document.

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Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Address: _____

Are you at least 18 years old (by the start of the internship)? Yes No

Are you available to participate in the hours and date range outlined in the description? Yes No

Please select the Internship(s) that you are interested in applying for:

- SUMMER SEASON: June 23rd – August 19th, 2016
- FALL SEASON: September 1st – October 28th, 2016
- Either SUMMER or FALL SEASONS
- Both SUMMER & FALL SEASONS

Questions: Please answer the following questions. No more than one page total, please.

1. What do you hope to get out of this Internship at Zenger Farm?

2. What experience do you have with physical work, farming, and/or gardening?

3. What three attributes would co-workers, friends, and family all agree that you possess?

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