

Education/Agriculture Summer Intern at LexFarm

Interested in regenerative farming AND education? Join our team for a summer of farm-based learning and discovery at LexFarm!



Job Title: Summer Farm Education and Agriculture Intern

Reports to: Education Director and Farm Manager

Hours: 37.5 hours/week, 8:00-3:30 Monday-Friday

Position Period: June 15- Aug 21*

Pay Rate: \$18-19/hr depending on experience

About LexFarm:

Since 2011, LexFarm has become a model for small-scale regenerative farming, as well as nature-based education. Our mission is to grow certified-organic food while engaging our community around issues of sustainability, local food systems and food access. We are committed to providing organic produce to households of all income levels through our SNAP-match program, discounted CSAs, and our partnerships with local food rescue and distribution organizations. Additionally we provide dynamic youth and community education programs focused on sustainable growing, local food systems, and nature-based learning.

About LexFarm Youth Education:

LexFarm education offers many opportunities for hands-on learning and play in a beautiful farm setting. Based in the LexFarm learning garden, our classes expose children to all aspects of the growing cycle: planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting. We explore wildlife at the Arlington reservoir and care for chickens, goats and alpacas! With each new group of children our goal is to nurture a sense of community, interconnectivity and respect for the natural world.

Job Responsibilities:

For 10 weeks the Summer Farm Education Intern will be split between our education and agriculture teams, working approximately 70% in education and 30% in agriculture overall. The intern will work from approximately 8-1 in our youth programs (summer learning programs for ages 6-10yr olds) and 1:30- 3:30pm in the farm fields with our farmers and farm apprentices, with a paid,social lunch break between. While teaching in our youth programs, the intern will gain a foundation in nature-based education, learn strategies for group management as well as for meeting diverse individual student needs. Working with our agriculture team in the afternoons, interns will learn about regenerative, low-till farming farming practices while helping to complete tasks such as: planting, harvesting, washing/packing, weeding, and irrigation. The week of 6/15 will be with the agriculture team as this week is before our summer youth programs begin and provides an opportunity for you to get a lay of the land and train on farming activities. This is an active, strenuous and 100% outdoor position.

Job responsibilities:

1. Create and maintain a healthy and safe environment for children
2. Foster inclusive, collaborative, and supportive community with students and co-workers.
3. Meet regularly with the education director to reflect on teaching practice and to plan farm-based curriculum
4. Meet as needed with farm managers to train for field tasks.
5. Communicate with a wide variety of people and keep up a quick pace when working in the fields.

Desired Experience/Skills:

1. Experience working with children, ideally preschool or elementary ages.
2. Passionate about environmental issues and connecting children with nature
3. Knowledge of early child development and different learning styles.
4. Interested in sustainable agriculture.
5. Eagerness to learn and ability to be proactive.
6. Strong communication skills and ability to collaborate.
7. Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions and engage physically-demanding labor tasks
8. A positive attitude and good sense of humor.

9. Experience working on farms or in other outdoor settings and/or with animals is a plus
10. Punctuality. All staff are expected to be ready to start work promptly when the work day begins.

Benefits include: compensation at \$18-19/hour, depending on experience, a half-summer vegetable share (box of organic veggies every other week throughout internship), 25% discount on products in the farm stand, free admission to farm's summer workshops and events.

Non-discrimination Statement

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, or sex including sexual orientation and gender identity, national origin, disability, protected Veteran Status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

To Apply:

Send a resume and brief email describing your experience and qualifications to our education director, Rachel Curtin, at rachel@lexfarm.org. Applications are received on a rolling basis and we hope to fill the position by the end of January.