

YORK COMMUNITY FARM

Practicum: Farm Intern

Salary: \$13.69 per hour, 24 hours/week for 10 weeks (*paid by Office of Sustainability*)

Supervisor: Mary Loquvam, Founder & Director

Period of Employment: June 21, 2021 – August 27, 2021

Overview

York Community Farm's mission is threefold: to provide living wage, resume building, meaningful work experience for underserved and under-employed members of our community (people with criminal justice histories, people experiencing homelessness, and veterans); to produce nutritious, organic food for our community *in* our community; and, to serve as a model of sustainable urban agriculture.

YCF was established in 2012 and is located on James Street in the York neighborhood of Bellingham.

Intern will work 24 hours a week with the farm team raising fruit and vegetables for the farm's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. Through this program the farm delivers weekly veggie boxes to subscribers throughout the community. In addition, the intern will work with the team to support the overall health and functioning of the farm. The farm is non-mechanized, so all work is done by hand. Specific duties are described below.

Responsibilities

Intern will spend 24 hours per week at the farm attending to the following duties: soil prep; planting; irrigating; harvesting; CSA veggie box prep and delivery; and, composting system maintenance, among others. Some construction may be involved. Intern should be prepared for hard work including hauling, digging, hand harvesting, weeding and the like. Intern will be one member of a team that will share and coordinate these duties. Tasks will vary each day depending on weather, planting and harvesting needs, materials on hand and other such variables.

Intern can expect to learn the basics of regenerative organic farming practices including producing and applying compost, biointensive planting, aquaponics, crop rotation, cover crops, and rainwater harvesting.

Required Qualifications and Experience

No experience with farming necessary. Intern must be willing to work in all weather conditions and must enjoy physical labor!

Educational/Professional Benefits

Intern will come away with, hopefully, an understanding of the crying need and basic tools for ultra-local community agriculture in the face of climate change.