



## Garden Internship



### **Organization Description**

Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center is a garden and nutrition education center that uses hands-on cooking, gardening, and science education to teach students and families about nutrition and environmental stewardship. We provide classes, field trips, and community events to children and adults from National City and around San Diego County. Our purpose is to connect children and families to the source of our food and to encourage adventurous and healthy eating.

### **Internship Description**

The purpose of this internship is to learn about organic gardening techniques as well as gain insight into the operations of a garden-based education program. The Garden Intern will work with the Facilities and Gardens Manager and Garden Staff to assist with garden maintenance; including weeding, watering, harvesting, composting, and more. Internships are unpaid, but class credit is available.

### **Objectives**

The intern will:

- Practice gardening skills guided by a team of expert gardeners with experience in the areas of biodynamics, organics, nutrient cycling, companion planting, natural pest control, composting, and more!
- Experience first-hand the daily operations of a nonprofit garden education center; including growing for a farm-to-table program and planning the garden to accommodate children and adult activities.
- Understand local health concerns and education challenges.

Duties will include:

- Oversee and maintain an assigned garden area.
- Assist with additional garden tasks outside of assigned area, potentially to include watering, weeding, building compost, digging and clearing beds, planting, harvesting, and more.
- Help with programming and community events; including teaching youth and adults, and setting-up and cleaning-up.

Commitment:

The Garden Intern will work approximately 8-10 hours a week. Interns will also be asked to assist with occasional weekend events.

Qualifications:

We are seeking energetic individuals with a keen interest in working with people; fastidious attention to detail; and a vibrant appreciation for the life lessons learned in the garden. The ideal candidate...

- ... is community service minded
- ...enjoys working outside
- ...is a good communicator and takes direction well
- ...can think critically and problem solve
- ...is a current college student or recent college graduate
- ...is eager to learn and have fun!

This position is open to all majors. Spanish language proficiency is ideal, but not required.

To Apply:

1. Submit a Volunteer Application (<http://olivewoodgardens.org/get-involved/743-2/>).
2. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Coordinator of Volunteers an Outreach , Cristina Juarez at [cristina@olivewoodgardens.org](mailto:cristina@olivewoodgardens.org).
3. Accepted applicants will be interviewed prior to placement.