

Garden Educator Assistant

Internship Position Description

Do you have an interest in improving the health, academic success, and wellbeing of elementary school students? One Cool Earth is a nonprofit in SLO County creating school garden programs that power healthy, happy and smart youth. We believe every child deserves a place to grow.



The Garden Educator Assistant will serve cohesively with students and assist a Garden Educator Manager with preparing and teaching lessons in school gardens. The position would be well-suited for someone who enjoys working with children and has a background knowledge or strong interest in gardening, education, nutrition, biology, and/or natural resource management.

Responsibilities Will Include:

- Improve student science understanding by providing engaging, standards-based projects, experiments, and lessons based on ecology, earth, and life sciences, especially on the subjects of watersheds, food forests, and zero waste;
- Increase student knowledge of food cycle, interest in growing fresh fruits and vegetables, and willingness to try new fruits and vegetables;
- Assist with teaching engaging garden classes (30 - 60 min.) to 25 students at a time (3 classes per day);
- Support a campus Green Team that manages school composting and recycling;
- Provide basic maintenance for gardens: planting, weeding, pruning, composting, minor irrigation adjustments and repairs;

Preferred Qualifications:

- Commitment to One Cool Earth's vision and mission;
- Formal education or significant experience in nutrition, environmental studies, Master Gardener, permaculture or equivalent with strong expertise in organic gardening methods;
- Excellent rapport with children, with at least one year experience in child educational settings (summer camps, Sprout Up!, etc.);
- Experience coordinating school gardens, working as an outdoor educator/naturalist, or teaching nutrition related lessons that will improve the ability to integrate garden based learning into classroom experiences;
- Demonstrated communications and interpersonal skills, able to work with people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds;
- Creative, flexible and hard working; able to manage your commitments responsibly;
- Enjoy learning new things and challenging yourself;
- A good sense of humor, wonder, and curiosity;

Our internships offer you the opportunity to:

- Explore Career Opportunities - by working in the field you have chosen, you can receive an inside look at your potential career path.

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- Gain leadership experience - better understand the major issues and trends facing today's youth. From healthy eating and exercise, well-being, academics, and environmental issues, OCE works with communities using best-practices and evidence-based programming to create meaningful, lasting change.

Additional Information:

- Training and Orientation: Interns will participate in a 3 hour training during the first week of your internship. This training program will orient interns to our culture and provide them with a knowledge-base to draw upon through the remainder of your internship and beyond. Ongoing training will occur during the period of the internship as needed.
- Schedule: 3 to 8 hours, one day/week.
- Duration: Minimum 6-month commitment.
- Benefits: Interns will play a vital role in supporting student health, academic achievement and wellbeing, especially for underserved students. Interns will receive substantial training and experience in the field of gardening practices, garden education from an established and well-respected organization towards building a strong resume. Interns will extend their connections within local school districts and the outdoor educational field. We are pleased to write letters of recommendation upon successful completion of the internship.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants must submit a resume to the following email address:

miranda@onecoolearth.org

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