

5-4-19 Organic Learning Garden Consultant (Master Gardener), Part-Time, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, 6-7-19 deadline

Job Title

Gardening Consultant (Master Gardener) – Part Time

Agency

Organic Learning Garden, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405

Location

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Pay Rate

Commensurate with experience (stipend paid twice a year)

Responsibilities

- Use research-based information to promote environmentally responsible and sustainable organic gardening practices.
- Mentor and inspire students' passions and gardening interests on a group and individual level
- Teach students to grow their own food organically and sustainably, so that they can pass on their gardening skills to others.
- Guide students through propagation, planting, cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of seasonal food crops. Demonstrate best practices.
- Assist students with developing garden-oriented programming for the club and college community.
- Advise students and oversee maintenance of compost bins and worm compost system.
- Advise students and demonstrate fruit tree care, pruning, irrigation, feeding, and harvesting.
- Supervise student(s) who maintain the garden seed library.
- Assist Club Managers as an advisor/consultant regarding garden supplies and materials needed.
- Present brief hands-on gardening demonstrations at Club Grow meetings.
- Adhere to SMC policies to assure safety and security on campus.
- Perform other related duties as determined.

Time Commitment

- Attend weekly Club Grow meetings Tuesdays 11:00-12:45 during fall and spring terms. (Fall term: 8/20/19 -- 12/10/19; spring term: 2/18/19 – 6/9/20).
- Attend monthly student garden manager meetings 1.5 hours month
- Communicate as needed with Supervisor and club members via email, text, or phone 2-5 hours/week.

Required Skills

- Current Master Gardener Certification
- Garden manager and supervisory experience with volunteers in a garden setting.
- Minimum 2 years experience teaching or working with high school/college students.
- Able to work well with a diverse population of college students.
- Excellent communication skills, written and verbal.

Desired Skills

- Minimum 2 years mid-scale gardening experience (beyond home-scale gardening).
- Thorough understanding of growing organically in coastal Los Angeles/Santa Monica climate, and how it relates to seasonal growing of food crops.
- Experience with vegetables and fruit trees: apple, stone fruit, citrus, fig, pomegranate, blueberries.
- Ability to support and participate in outreach (social media).

Application Mode

Email cover letter and resume to kawar_ferris@smc.edu, Ferris Kavar,
1744 Pearl Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Application Deadline

June 7, 2019

Contact for further information

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The link to the garden on the SMC web site is www.smc.edu/garden