

Community Healing Gardens

Job Description - CHG Garden Educator for Middle School Summer Program in Los Angeles, CA

Call for Applicants - Release Date: May 28th, 2019

Organization description

Launched in 2015, Community Healing Gardens (CHG) strengthens communities through urban gardening utilizing clean technology. Community Healing Gardens engages youth in gardening to cultivate healthy living skills, enhance experiential learning, grow youth leaders, and build equity. We currently maintain programming, at LAUSD, Edwin Markham Middle School in Watts, Los Angeles. CHG is working with teachers, parents, school administrators and community volunteers to utilize garden classroom instruction, after-school programs, summer camps and internships to provide opportunities for positive youth development. For more information on CHG go to; www.communityhealinggardens.org

Core Values: Community, Respect, Discovery, Equity, Inclusiveness, Relationships, Ecological Responsibility

Position description

Title: **CHG GARDEN EDUCATOR FOR SUMMER PROGRAM**

Scope of Work: This is a dynamic position that integrates garden education, youth mentoring, and community outreach to build well-being and equity for disadvantaged youth.

Position would begin as of June 14th, 2019 or sooner

HOURS: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 12:30pm (4 hour shifts/16 hours per week) Able to do some Fridays and Saturdays (up to 2 of each over the summer)

Primary responsibilities include:

I. Design and Implementation of Garden-Based Learning

- Lead daily horticulture summer classes for middle school aged children
- Coordinate CHG community service and community events, including: Summer Harvest Day.

II. Provide Vision and Direction for Youth Leadership Program

- The Summer camp builds broad capacities in youth including confidence building, teamwork, conflict resolution, racial equity, where food comes from, food justice and garden management.
- Work with our high school internship program youth from Jordan High School who are in the College Track program (they assist us 2 - 4 days a week)
- Maintain alignment with CHG core values and goal of youth-centered programming.

III. Strengthen Organizational Goals and Values

- All CHG Garden staff are responsible to uphold values and practices that support CHG reaching our mission with integrity.

Organizational Structure

Supervisor: The Garden Educator will report to the CHG Co-Founder/Executive Director and our Garden Director.

Salary: The Garden Educator Summer position is an hourly position to start. Hours include the summer school days and some weekend events. Position for the right candidate could become full time and not just for the summer. Pay is based on experience.

To Apply

The position requires multiple skill sets including; organization and engagement, innovation and initiative, physical labor, excellent communication (written and verbal), flexibility and commitment to the CHG vision and values.

The preferred candidate will have:

- At least 2 years of experience working with youth in schools and/or community programs, with a strong commitment to positive youth development, student-centered programming, and reflective and critical thinking.
- 2 years of experience successfully growing an organic garden and an understanding of sustainability as well as regenerative agriculture.
- Experience working in diverse communities with a clear understanding of multi-cultural contexts, with a specific preference for experience in Los Angeles underserved neighborhoods.
- Be an LAUSD accredited (not required but desired)
- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in a related field (education, sustainable agriculture, community organizing, environmental studies, public health, etc.) or equivalent experience.

- UCCE Master Gardener Certification (not required)
- Excellent communication and organization skills, ability to manage multiple projects and priorities with flexibility and alignment to our mission.
- Self-directed, energetic and enthusiastic
- Computer competence including Microsoft Office Software (specifically Word and Excel) required, and online tools (including Facebook, Instagram and Google Drive, etc.) and design programs (such as Illustrator and Photoshop) a plus.
- Bi-Lingual - Spanish and English preferred
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. and engage in physical gardening activities.
- Personal transportation vehicle, including a valid driver's license.

To apply for the CHG Garden Educator Summer Position, please submit a resume, cover letter and references to Nicole Landers nicolel@communityhealinggardens.org and Mud Baron schoolgarden@gmail.com

In your cover letter, please address the following points:

- How your experience is relevant to the position.
- What interests you about working with us.

NOTE: Please include Garden Educator in the subject line and bundle resume, cover letter and references into one PDF document. Thank you.

CHG is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic staff committed to working with youth in a multicultural environment. We encourage a diversity of applicants.

For more information, including compensation ranges, please email nicolel@communityhealinggardens.org