

Job Opportunity

6-30-22, Part-Time School Garden Educator, School Garden Foundation AmeriCorps Climate Corps Fellowships, no stated deadline

Garden School Foundation is excited to partner with California's new Climate Action Corps program to host two Climate Corps fellows for the 22-23 school year. GSF Climate Corps Fellows will gain real-world climate action skills through organizing community action and education projects. Selected Fellows will be full-time AmeriCorps members and serve from September 19, 2022, through August 17, 2023. They receive a \$30,000 stipend and a \$10,000 Segal Education Award.

Please see the complete description for more information. <https://gardenschoolfoundation.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=767a05970422fce5769a89bbe&id=adaf0bd5a0&e=9292175a50>

You can also reach out to GSF directly with any questions at join-us@gardenschoolfoundation.org

Part-Time Garden Educator
August 15, 2022 - June 15, 2023

About Garden School Foundation

Garden School Foundation provides in-depth garden-based education to youth at Title I schools in Los Angeles, strengthening connections between food justice, environmental stewardship, and community health. By using the full transformative potential of school gardens as teaching sites, we nurture a healthy and mindful generation of children that care for their bodies, their communities, and the earth. We currently serve eight Title I elementary schools, reaching over 3,000 students and their families each year.

Position Summary

The Part-time (2.5 days/week, approximately 20 hours per week) Garden Educator will conduct GSF's Seed-to-Table education program at Charnock Road Elementary School (specific days are flexible). This is an hourly position and the dates of engagement are August 15, 2022- June 15, 2023. Duties include: conduct garden based science and nutritional cooking classes in the outdoor classroom and indoor cooking classroom where applicable, following GSF's curriculum; cultivate a positive working relationship with our schools; work with interns and volunteers in day-to-day operations; co-organize and co-lead our Fall Community Garden Days at this site (up to two workdays each semester, for a possible total of four after-school or Saturday workdays); maintain the outdoor gardens and indoor cooking classroom and their contents; and other special assignments as needed. The Part-Time Garden Educator will work directly with the Executive Director, school staff, and fellow GSF staff and volunteers.

About Charnock Road Elementary School

GSF will begin programming at Charnock Elementary in Fall 2022, making it our ninth school. The garden build will take place in June, and the completed space will boast eight vegetable beds, a shaded classroom and seating area, and composting corner, along with native plants. GSF's Seed to Table programming aligns with and amplifies Charnock's mission of developing lifelong scholars who are curious, persistent and tenacious problem solvers by providing hands-one, experiential garden education to all K-5th grade students.

Roles and Responsibilities

Training and Onboarding - August 15-September 2

Core Teaching, September 6- June 15

- Plan and implement garden and cooking classes (currently 2.5 days a week) in the garden classroom using our standards-aligned, K-5th Seed to Table curriculum.
- Purchase (for reimbursement), prepare, and maintain all teaching and cooking supplies (note: Garden Educators purchase cooking and some other supplies with their own funds and are then reimbursed; should this present an undue hardship, other arrangements can be considered).
- Work with school leadership, staff, and classroom teachers to schedule the rotation of classes and align GSF lessons with classroom teachers' instructional priorities whenever possible.
- Conduct GSF's pre- program surveys for Kindergarten and 4th grade students
- Co-organize and co-lead with the school, GSF Programs Manager, and school site garden team the Fall Community Garden Days (up to 2 work days).

Cultivate School Relationship

- Serve as the GSF representative to Charnock, building a strong and mutually beneficial relationship between GSF and the school; attend teacher PD meetings, PTA meetings, Back-to-School night, and other special school events; share and promote GSF's program and events within the school community.
- Work with garden interns to develop their teaching and gardening skills.
- Ongoing, regular communication with school staff regarding updates, issues or problems.

Garden and Facilities Maintenance

- Maintain the gardens, sheds, and cooking classrooms at Charnock, ensuring that our facilities are clean, safe, and welcoming.
- Keep all classroom and teaching supplies stocked and accounted for, stored neatly, and in proper working order; alert GSF to any facilities or maintenance issues.

Other

- Conduct tours of the gardens to a diverse array of visitors, as needed.
- Help coordinate photo documentation of classes and secure photo permissions, as needed.
- Assist with additional fundraising, partner, and volunteer events at the garden, as needed.
- Attend monthly GSF staff meetings as well as occasional training and professional events, as needed.
- Liaise with partner organizations, as needed.

The ideal candidate has:

- 3+ years teaching experience in an outdoor setting.
- Experience with project-based learning.
- Knowledge of organic gardening, environmental science, and California's growing seasons.
- Basic knowledge of raw cooking and food preparation.
- Capacity to stoop, bend, lift, reach, stand, squat, kneel, speak and listen, as well as lift at least 50 lbs.
- Capacity to perform garden maintenance (weed, trim, water, mulch, compost, plant, harvest, etc.) in an exposed, outdoor setting.

- Experience working with and/or managing volunteers and interns.
- Proficiency in Spanish or comfort incorporating Spanish vocab into lessons.
- A passion for elementary students and competency working with students and families from varying economic and cultural backgrounds.
- Strong experience in collaboration and site coordination.
- Ability to work flexibly, to multitask, and to problem solve independently within a dynamic public school environment.
- An unyieldingly positive attitude.

Terms and Compensation

This is a part-time, temporary, hourly position, at 20 hours/week, plus additional hours for Community Garden Days. The dates of engagement are August 15, 2022 - June 15, 2023. Garden School Foundation, c/o Missionwell Service Center, 222 E. Glenarm St. Ste B2, Pasadena, CA 91106

Compensation based on experience (range is \$20-\$22/hour) and includes paid sick time. Training for this position would ideally begin mid-August 2022 and teaching duties would begin in early September 2022. Background checks and TB testing are required by LAUSD; regular Covid-19 testing may also be required.

Application Information

To apply, please send a brief cover letter, resume, and three references to our Executive Director Rachel Black, rachel@gardenschoolfoundation.org and Elizabeth Hall, Outreach and Development, elizabeth@gardenschoolfoundation.org. Please indicate "Part-Time Garden Educator" in the subject heading of your email. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.