



Produce Project Summer Intern

About Produce Project:

For 40 years, Capital Roots (formerly Capital District Community Gardens) has worked to reduce the impact poor nutrition has had on public health in the Capital Region by organizing community food gardens, offering healthy food access, providing nutritional and horticultural education for all ages, and coordinating urban greening programs.

The Produce Project is a job readiness program which since 2009 has engaged youth from Troy High School in the year-round production and sale of organic vegetables. With help from the program's Farmer and Educator, students manage their crops from seed through sale, while earning a stipend and a food share to take home to their families.

Responsibilities include:

- Works in partnership with a youth leader to lead a crew of 6-8 high school students in our summer program (June 26-August 25). Acts as a youth mentor and ally as well as a supervisor.
- Assists staff in applying an activity-based curriculum focused on sustainable agriculture, productive communication, teamwork, and leadership.
- Assists staff in teaching and supervising youth in farm tasks including soil preparation, planting, weeding, and harvesting.
- Participates in weekly leadership meetings with Produce Project staff and youth leaders.

Qualifications:

- Has or wishes to acquire farming and teaching experience
- Enjoys spending large amounts of time outdoors
- Has an interest in community food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture
- Is enthusiastic about empowering youth

Logistics:

- Must be available to work 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. July 31-August 4 is our summer vacation week and accommodations can be made for certain summer commitments or school starting before August 25. We will help you earn needed internship credits if applicable. A stipend and weekly share of produce are available.

Send cover letter and resume to:
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