



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 training 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 8-10 high school students in our summer program (June 25-August 24). Acts as a youth mentor and ally as well as a supervisor.
- Assists Educator in applying an activity-based curriculum focused on sustainable agriculture, productive communication, teamwork, and leadership.
- Assists Farm Manager and Farm Assistant 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.
- Possibility to take on other research opportunities and projects that relate to the Capital Roots mission, the Capital region, and the Produce Project

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 and working with high school students
- Has a positive attitude and is comfortable working with a variety of students of various backgrounds

Logistics:

- Must be available to work 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. July 30-August 3 is our summer vacation and accommodations can be made for certain summer commitments or school starting in August.

- Time will be spent on the Produce Project Farm in Troy, NY, the Capital Roots office, and field trips with the students
- Stipend is offered and is dependent on number of hours worked; Potential for end of summer bonus
- Offer of additional training related to programs

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