The University of Washington Farm

2017 UW Student Farm Staff Positions

The University of Washington Farm (UW Farm) is a student-run farm on the UW-Seattle campus. The mission of the UW Farm is to be the campus center for the practice and study of urban agriculture and sustainability, and an educational, community-oriented resource for people who want to learn about building productive and sustainable urban landscapes.

With three farming locations on campus, the UW Farm offers year-round vegetable production for Housing and Food Services, a 50-member Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and the University of Washington Food Pantry. The UW Farm strives to build and strengthen connections between our growing spaces and academics on campus, leading tours, hosting academic internship opportunities, and providing service-learning opportunities for students from several disciplines.

The goals of the UW Farm are multiple:

- Provide students with practical urban farming experience, from plan to production to kitchen;
- Link directly to academic programs in the study of food, including but not limited to: coursework, independent research, and capstone and culminating experiences;
- Create a model of sustainable urban production at the UW;
- Provide reliable, predictable, and quality production for UW Housing & Food Services, UW Club, CSA members, and other customers;

Position Description:

The UW Farm is seeking three undergraduate student staff members for the 2017 growing season. This position offers opportunities to work at three unique farm sites on campus, as well as opportunities for work specialties and project leadership. During the course of the position, student staff will learn and practice practical aspects of sustainable urban agriculture including:

- Field preparations, including tilling, amending, irrigation and mulching
- Crop production, including propagation, transplanting, pest management, harvesting, washing, packing and delivery.
- Infrastructure set-up and maintenance, hoophouse, row covers, trellises, wash-pack, irrigation, and storage areas
- Teaching, coordinating and supervising volunteers
- Basic maintenance of tools and machinery
- Recordkeeping

The UW Farm Manager will support student staff by incorporating education and mentorship throughout the workday, as well as opportunities for field trips and workshops, based on student staff interest.

This is an all-weather job. Student staff are expected to come to work on time and consistently, rain or shine. Commitment to the full three quarters (Spring, Summer, Fall), and a willingness to learn, work hard and be flexible is required; previous farming experience is not. In the event of activities requiring supervision of minors, a criminal background check will be conducted by the University of Washington.

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

- Heavy Lifting
- All-weather
- Work environment may have allergens—dust, mold, grasses, etc.
- Hazardous materials
- Wear and work in personal protection when appropriate or necessary
- Occasional work after-hours or on weekends will be required

**Hours:** 10 hours per week Spring and Fall Quarter / 30 hours per week Summer  
**Pay:** $15/hour

**Internship Start Date:** 3/27/2017  
**Internship End Date:** 12/8/2017

To apply, submit a resume and cover letter to Sarah Geurkink at sgeurk@uw.edu by Tuesday, January 31.