

Position Title: UC Intern D: Garden-Based Youth Entrepreneurship Program

Position Location and Logistics:

Jackson County is located 30 miles south of East Lansing and 30 miles west of Ann Arbor off I-94. Jackson County population is 150,000 with one central city (that being the City of Jackson). Youth employment opportunities in the Jackson metropolitan area need enhancement as no groups are attempting to work in this area.

Training provided will include:

- Field trips to successful youth entrepreneurship programs
- Data collection
- Facilitation skills

Internship time-frame is May- August, 2011.

- Internship pay is \$11.25 per hour. Interns may work no more than a total of 400 hours.
- Intern must be a current MSU student (registered for Spring Semester 2011 and attending in Fall Semester 2011).

Position Functions:

The urban collaborator's intern will work with youth in home gardens and community gardens to grow produce. The intern will help aggregate produce and sell it at local farmer's markets. The intern will learn various ways of aggregating produce and implement one as part of this project. The intern will call upon regional Extension professionals to have them deliver programming to the students on financial literacy, produce marketing and garden production.

Desirable Skills and/or Experience

- College student
- Experience working with youth
- Good organizational skills
- Good communication skills
- A flexible work schedule with some weekend or after hours work.
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work as a team member

Position Background:

Building a Garden-Based Youth Entrepreneurship program in Jackson

With the employment rate of Jackson over 11%, opportunities for youth employment are few. Even jobs traditionally held by youth, such as paper delivery are now being handled only by adults.

This effort will create a garden-based youth entrepreneurship program for the greater Jackson area and serve to liaise with other groups who may adopt a successfully launched program at the termination of the intern's experience.

Educational sessions would be offered to enhance participant's knowledge in gardening as well as financial literacy and marketing of produce.

For addition information about this specific internship contact:

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