

Position Title:

UC Intern E: Building Organizational Capacity – Urban Agriculture

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). Food security in the Jackson metropolitan area needs enhancement as various groups attempt to work on food security. Groups involved in food security have improved, however, the scope has enlarged and efforts need to be increased.

Training provided includes:

- How to conduct a SWOT
- 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:

Job involvement is to conduct a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of community groups involved in food security.

Serve as a facilitator for educational enhancement program.

- Conduct SWOT analysis
- Review literature
- Report on work efforts
- Coordinate and facilitate group meeting
- Determine educational needs of the audience

Desirable Skills and/or Experience

- Experience working with groups
- Community building skills
- Good organizational skills
- Good communication skills
- Facilitator skills
- Ability to work independently

- Ability to work as a team member

Position Background: Jackson County has numerous groups working on food security with little or no coordination. We seek to build capacity and effectiveness of these groups by enhancing communication and skill building of participants. With improved communication and urban agriculture skill building community gardens will be more successful and food security will be increased. This effort will build capacity of local organizations to address urban issues that focus on the health and sustainability of our urban area.

A SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) will be done with groups that are currently participating in food security issues. This would include churches, end hunger in Jackson, farm markets and others.

Educational sessions would be offered to enhance participant's knowledge in gardening (community and container) to improve harvest and storage of produce.

For addition information about this specific internship contact:

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