



Position Title: Plant Propagation Intern

Position Description: The Plant Propagation Interns will be responsible for greenhouse production of vegetable transplants for the Greater Lansing Food Bank's Garden Project and Lansing Roots Farm programs. The internship includes a stipend ranging from \$500-\$1000 depending on availability and experience. Academic credits may be possible, depending on your program of study.

Deadline to apply: 11/26/18 – position will be filled as soon as possible

Internship Dates: January 2018 – May 2018, exact dates negotiable

Hours per week a person can intern: minimum of 10, 15-20 preferred

Number of applicants that are currently being accepted: 2

Organization Information: The Greater Lansing Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides food assistance to individuals and families in need, and helps people grow their own food through the Lansing Roots Incubator Farm and Garden Project. Lansing Roots Farm helps limited resource and/or historically under-served individuals from the greater Lansing area begin successful market gardening and farming enterprises through an incubator farm setting. The goal of the Garden Project is to cultivate connections so that all community members can have access to fresh healthy foods through gardening opportunities. Since its initiation, the Garden Project has grown to support a network of nearly 500 low-income home gardeners and 130 community gardens, helping more than 8,000 people by providing access to land, how-to education, free seeds and plants, tool lending, a networking hub and more. Seedlings grown by the interns will contribute to the more than 23,000 plant starts typically given to community gardeners, home gardeners, school and church gardens and other garden entities each year at the Garden Project.

Responsibilities:

- Crop selection, planning and scheduling for spring and summer transplant distributions
- Starting, watering, nutrient management, and ongoing plant maintenance
- Management of greenhouse space (learn climate control mechanisms, organize and clean greenhouse materials)
- Self-motivation will increase possibilities of service scope and may include conducting seed starting workshops, creating educational materials, and conducting research projects

Qualifications:

- Academic background in Horticulture, Botany, or related field
- Junior or Senior standing preferred
- Ability to travel to Hill Center Greenhouse and to the GLFB administrative office in north Lansing
- Flexibility to work on some weekends
- Ability to lift up to 45 lbs
- Ability to occasionally work outdoors in all conditions while maintaining a positive attitude



Skills:

- Experience growing plants from seed, familiarity with common greenhouse insects and diseases is a bonus
- Attention to detail, and good observational skills to detect and address problems while they are small
- Ability to serve independently after receiving adequate guidance
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to coordinate work schedule and duties with other interns and program staff

Transportation/Location information: The greenhouse is at the Hill Center, off 5825 Wise Rd. Intern will also have work responsibilities at the GLFB administrative office at 919 Filley St. Lansing.

To apply please send resume and cover letter to:

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This position is intended to give the reader a general idea of the overall purpose and the main activities and responsibilities that are intrinsic to the position. While the description is intended to be representative, it is not intended to be limiting.