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Community Garden Internship Position Summer 2020 Internship Opportunity

About New Haven Farms/New Haven Land Trust: This newly merged organization unites two nonprofits that have been leaders and innovators of New Haven’s urban environmental movement. The New Haven Land Trust (NHLT), Connecticut’s first urban land trust, has served the community for nearly 40 years by acquiring and stewarding over 80 acres of nature preserves city-wide and by supporting 55 community gardens throughout New Haven’s diverse neighborhoods. NHLT has grown significantly over the last five years to include programs for young environmental entrepreneurs and a marine and coastal exploration summer camp on Long Island Sound. New Haven Farms (NHF) burst onto the scene seven years ago with its innovative Farm-Based Wellness Program (FBWP) that partners with medical centers to engage people with diet-related chronic disease risk factors in learning about nutrition and gardening at one of their seven urban farms across New Haven.

Both organizations have a growing commitment to racial equity and community leadership and have taken strides in cultivating community ownership among its stakeholders. A large part of both organizations’ work, especially New Haven Farms, takes place in bi-lingual settings, with Spanish as the predominant language. The merged organization synergizes closely aligned missions, values, programming, and diverse support networks into a leader for advancing engagement and stewardship of urban nature as a resource for healthy people and communities.

Position Description: New Haven Farms/New Haven Land Trust is seeking interns to work in its community gardens over the summer. General responsibilities include assisting the Community Garden Manager in undertaking community outreach efforts, spearheading building projects, and planning and coordinating educational and volunteer events in the gardens. The intern will also work with the Community Garden Manager and the Garden Education Coordinator to manage the Growing Entrepreneurs Program—a program that teaches New Haven high school students entrepreneurial skills within the context of gardening and the food system. There will also be the opportunity to develop other projects based on the individual's interests and the needs of the organization.

Required Skills: We are looking for individuals with:

- Ability to self-motivate and pursue project goals without significant supervision;
- Enthusiasm for urban agriculture and environmental issues;



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- Interest in working in a small but dynamic team of colleagues and occasionally supporting multiple initiatives over the summer;
- Interest in contributing at times through physical manual labor to ongoing garden projects. Since this project will involve understanding various aspects of the organization's on-the-ground gardening work, the individual will be expected to participate enthusiastically in gardening activities;
- Familiarity with New Haven
- A Driver's License

Hours/Wages: Our office generally operates from 9 to 5 with additional evening and weekend events over the summer. We would like the applicant to commit to full time or close to full time for the summer. Although this is an unpaid internship, we will be pursuing candidates that are eligible to receive funding from their collegiate institutions.

Internship Dates: This year, in order to streamline our internship program, we will offer two intern orientation/start dates: June 1st and July 6th. Internships can run from 5 to 12 weeks.

Supervisors: This position will be supervised by the Community Garden Manager.

Application Details: Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter and two references to info@newhavenlandtrust.org. If applicants have additional questions about the position, they should feel free to reach out to the organization via email or by calling 203-562-6655.