Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability Internship, The Northwest School - Summer 2019

Over the past three years, students at The Northwest School have designed and built a 3000 square foot campus farm and garden, adjacent to the school in Seattle, including 30 raised beds, a greenhouse, composting systems, seating areas, and a chicken coop. This space is ever-evolving, and is intended to be a student-managed outdoor lab, creative space, demonstration space for sustainable urban agriculture practices, and food producing space on campus.

We are seeking 1-2 summer interns to help manage the urban farm and garden, teach high school students food cultivation skills and support their creation and implementation of independent projects, and take on independent research projects related to environmental sustainability in schools. Interns will report to the Director of Environmental Education & Sustainability and will be provided a stipend.

Dates, Times, & Logistics

- June 24 – August 30, 2019
- 9:30am-4pm, Monday-Friday, with the occasional daylong field trip to volunteer on other urban farms in Seattle or visit other food systems related sites.
- Dates and schedule can be slightly flexible if discussed and approved in advance.
- This position is a stipended educational internship; interns will work as a team to manage the NWS farm/garden areas and high school interns, and collaborate with Jenny Cooper, Director of Environmental Education & Sustainability, on a variety of projects related environmental education and school sustainability.

You Are...

- Passionate about environmental sustainability and finding ways to further strengthen sustainability efforts in schools.
- Able to work effectively independently and collaboratively in teams.
- Knowledgeable about gardening and/or farming, or willing to learn.
- Knowledgeable about caring for chickens and a chicken coop, or willing to learn.
- Inquisitive, intellectually curious, and excited to learn and teach.
- Reliable and timely.
- Excited to engage with students, give tours and share the farm/garden with NWS summer campers.
- Available for the entirety of the internship dates. (Schedule can be slightly flexible if discussed and approved in advance.)
- Currently enrolled in, or recent graduate of, a post-secondary program related to environmental sustainability.
- Interested in gaining experiences and further developing skills in environmental education, urban agriculture, gardening/farming, leadership, and engaging in environmental issues.
Interns Will...
- Gain in-depth experience in and understanding of hands-on urban environmental education, urban agriculture in a school setting, and the design and implementation of sustainability initiatives in an educational institution.
- Manage the NWS Urban Farm/Garden: supervise high school student interns (who will be onsite 3 days/week July 8-August 16); care for the chickens and chicken coop; water, weed, plant, harvest, plan, and build.
- Assist with any summer camp classes that would like to use or visit the NWS Urban Farm/Garden.
- Manage the @NWS.Sustainability Instagram account (if interested in marketing/communications/engagement)
- Take on one additional independent or team project related to environmental education, environmental sustainability efforts at schools, or the NWS Urban Farm/Garden, which could include:
  - Research and recommendations on best practices in environmentally mindful transportation benefits;
  - Research and recommendations on environmentally responsible investing
  - Designing and building vertical food production demo spaces;
  - Research projects on sustainable sourcing practices for the NWS Dining Hall;
  - Developing a year-long calendar of farm/garden lesson plans.

To Apply.
- Applications are due by May 15, 2019.
- To apply, please email the following to Jenny.Cooper@northwestschool.org
  - Resume.
  - A Word document or PDF with your typed responses to the following questions (~1 paragraph for each question):
    - What inspired you to apply for the Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability Internship at The Northwest School?
    - What are three goals you would like to accomplish this summer? (These can be related, or unrelated, to this internship.)
    - If you could change one thing about your college/post-secondary program to improve its environmental sustainability, what would it be and why? How would you go about implementing this idea?
    - Describe a time when you worked on a project independently. What did you enjoy about this experience? What would you do differently if you had this experience again?
    - Describe a time when you worked together with a team. What did you enjoy about this experience? What would you do differently if you had this experience again?