

HOPE FARMS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

In operation since December 2016, Recipe for Success' Hope Farms is a 7.5-acre urban farm dedicated to improving community health by providing direct access to healthy and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables. Located in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Houston, Texas, the farm will serve as a valuable resource for local residents and the city at large by providing access to fresh produce, nutrition education programs and job training for military veterans.

HOPE FARMS INTERN OVERVIEW

The Hope Farms Summer Internship is a unique opportunity to gain first hand experience working on a sustainable urban farm, while supporting the mission of providing affordable, fresh produce to the Houston community. The internship is unpaid and the experience is open to young people between the ages of 13 – 17.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Active support of a year round diversified vegetable farm, including planting; cultivation; pest, disease and weed management; compost and mulch systems; and overall quality control.
- A large emphasis will be spent on summer fruit tree care (including weeding and watering), in addition to management of perennial herb beds and bamboo stands.
- As a sustainable farm, weed and grass management are critical to individual plant health and overall production. Interns will play a vital role in helping to mitigate weeds and will learn a variety of techniques to control weeds, in addition to the utilization of multiple types of tools.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- A natural preference for the outdoors with a desire to grow food and the ability to work in the Texas heat.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to work independently, as well as a member of a dynamic farm team.
- Attention to detail, a demonstrated understanding of Quality, and a fundamental belief in the importance of food access and the consumption of fresh vegetables.
- A strong work ethic, compassion for others, a good sense of humor, innate curiosity and a zeal for learning are all considered a plus for this position.

SCHEDULE AND COMMITMENT

Interns will work 7:30 – 11:00am, Tuesday thru Friday, and need to be able to commit to working in full three of the following ten weeks (*special consideration and flexibility around the schedule can be made for the right candidate*).

Week 1: May 29 – June 1

Week 2: June 5 – 8

Week 3: June 12 – 15

19 – 22

Week 5: June 26 - 29

Week 6: July 3 - 6

Week 6: July 10 - 13

Week 7: July 17 - 20

Week 8: July 24 - 27

Week 9: July 31 – August 3

Week 10: August 7 - 10

Week

Week 4: June

LOCATION

Hope Farms: 10401 Scott Street, 77051 (intersection of Airport Blvd and Scott Street)

TO APPLY

Please send a letter of interest to Justin Myers, Chief Agricultural Officer - Justin@Recipe4Success.org, or complete the following interest survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HopeFarmInternship>.