Food for Lane County
Internship Position

Position: Gardens Program Intern  
Responsible To: Jen Anonia, Gardens Program Manager  
Hours per week: 8-20 hours/week, very flexible, spring, summer and fall term

The FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) Gardens Program is an innovative program that addresses the root causes of hunger and malnutrition by promoting community and individual self-sufficiency. With dedicated volunteer and community support, the gardens grew over 180,000 pounds of produce in 2013, over two-thirds of which was distributed through FFFLC to hunger relief agencies.

In the gardens, the Youth Farm, the Churchill Community Garden and the GrassRoots Garden, community members develop and share skills and resources; youth learn job, gardening and life skills; and people connect to the land and their communities. As many as ten interns are needed this spring to help with garden tasks at the three gardens.

Potential Internship Tasks:
- Participating in all maintenance tasks in the garden: seeding, watering, planting, harvesting, weeding
- Working with youth as a mentor and in a minimal supervisory role
- Working with adult volunteers on garden maintenance and special projects
- Interacting with customers at our farm stand and community gardens
- Assisting with educational lessons, workshops and fundraising events, and garden tours.
- Cooking nutritious lunches from garden produce

Skills Gained:
Interns will gain skills and experience in gardening, working with youth, and community building. Students can choose if they want to specialize in certain areas, including education, farm management, cooking, nutrition, marketing produce and flowers, and/or community outreach. Students can also choose to work in the office doing community outreach, administrative tasks, and development work.

Desired Qualifications:
- Interest or experience in organic gardening, food and outdoor work
- Interest or experience in working with youth
- Good social skills
- Organized and reliable

Hours and schedules are flexible according to students’ needs.

To apply: Submit a resume and a letter detailing your interests and availability to Jen Anonia at gardens@foodforlanecounty.org, FOOD for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-343-2822, x314.