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, all terms

The FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) Gardens Program 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 2014, over two-thirds of which was distributed through FFLC 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 twelve interns are needed this spring to help with garden tasks and one intern for office tasks, including volunteer recruitment and acknowledgement, events organizing and preparation.

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
- Assisting with educational lessons, workshops and fundraising events, and garden tours.
- Cooking nutritious lunches from garden produce
- Community outreach, resource development, events, and administrative tasks

Skills Gained:
Interns will gain skills and experience in gardening and farming, leading volunteers, and community building. Students can choose if they want to specialize in certain areas, including farm management, cooking, nutrition, 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. We ask students to commit a minimum of one full day or two half days to the internship. Academic credit is possible with advisor’s permission.

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.