



BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION

Boston Food Forest Coalition - Summer Internship (part time)

Who we are:

The Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC), a grassroots non-profit land trust, is a growing "community of practice" linking gardeners across greater Boston to permaculture projects. Neighbors come together to create food forest gardens in their neighborhoods, and these open spaces engage and strengthen communities, produce food, host cultural events, and share experiences and skills with all ages. BFFC is a growing "community of practice" with over 2,000 people in the greater Boston area on our mailing list and attending workshops and events. Since we launched, BFFC has offered over 160 free hands-on workshops taught by herbalists, permaculture gardeners, designers, professional farmers and others in our community.

The Boston Food Forest Coalition is currently composed of eight sites across the city, in Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, West End, Dorchester, East Boston, and Roxbury. The goal of the land trust is to support hundreds of forest gardens, stewarded by neighbors and community organizations. Imagine each with its own harvest festival and cultural events, sharing abundance, mitigating urban heat island effects, capturing rain-water, sequestering carbon, reducing stress, and regenerating life in the city. Healing ourselves, our communities, and the land.

Our internship is a unique opportunity for you to gain valuable nonprofit experience, cultivate your interest in food justice, and gain critical skills and experience. You will work closely with our team to support programming at Boston Nature Center and our neighborhood member sites. Interns will learn skills such as event planning, media outreach, group facilitation, and gardening with a permaculture focus.

BFFC is committed to diversity and inclusion at all levels. We aspire to build a strong, diverse staff/team and community, including groups that are traditionally underrepresented. We strongly encourage people of all backgrounds to apply. We appreciate your time and will review and respond to all applications received.

Qualifications & Mindset

- Self-motivated, detail-oriented and organized
- Comfortable working alone with minimal supervision yet enjoy being part of a team
- Comfort leveraging technology, including experience with Google docs, spreadsheets, and online application/evaluation tools
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Permaculture design, gardening, farming experience important, and/or a deep desire to learn
- Commitment to Boston Food Forest Coalition's mission and a deep interest in connecting people and nature



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Major Responsibilities

- Support workshop leaders and teachers
- Help recruit and supervise volunteers
- Lead occasional volunteer workdays
- Work with team to source plants and materials for pick-up or delivery, finding ways to reuse underutilized resources is a plus
- Support our fundraising team in preparation for a fall event
- Support event logistics such as booking space, printing materials, room set-up
- Ensure social media strategy and sharing events, outcomes, and images
- Provide support to the BFFC team as needed (we all help each other)
- Assist in tracking participant feedback and the development of new programming
- Help manage online databases and create systems for shared online resources

Details

Location: Boston Nature Center, 500 Walk Hill Street, Boston, MA / Remote

Duration: Summer internship with flexible start date from late May through August, with ability to extend into fall.

Hours: 20 hours per week

Compensation: This is an unpaid internship. Interns will receive free admission to all of our events. Current students are encouraged to seek out course credit and/or funding from their campus for their internship.

Deadline: Monday, May 7, 2018

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to Orion Kriegman at orion@bostonfoodforest.org