



# BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION

## **Permaculture Fellowship and Urban Farming Leadership Program Boston Food Forest Coalition**

The Boston Food Forest Coalition is seeking two part-time, unpaid interns to assist with food forest maintenance, garden raisings, and general office upkeep work. This internship position introduces young environmental leaders into nonprofit work involving urban agriculture, community engagement, sustainability and food justice. 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 (BNC) and our neighborhood member sites. Interns will learn skills such as event planning, media outreach, group facilitation, and gardening with a permaculture focus.

### **Qualifications and Mindset**

- Self-motivated, detail-oriented and organized
- Experience with or deep interest in permaculture design, gardening and farming
- Comfortable working outside for extended periods of time
- Experience with Google docs, spreadsheets, and other online application/ evaluation tools and experience with social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)
- Comfortable making intuitive, independent decisions
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Commitment to BFFC's mission and a deep interest in connecting people and nature

### **Major Responsibilities (20 hrs/week office work and gardening depending on season)**

- Support workshop leaders and teachers
- Help recruit and supervise volunteers
- Assist with food forest maintenance at BNC
- 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
- Occasionally table at events
- 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

### **General Internship Timeline**

March - November (option to negotiate dates within this period)

March - May: mostly office work, some garden upkeep

May - October: mostly garden work, some office upkeep

November: mostly office work



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## **Benefits of Interning with BFFC:**

- No stipend offered
- \*Potential\* housing available through BFFC supporters and network, case by case basis
- Free access to BFFC and partner organizations' workshops and trainings
- Individualized internship options tailored to interns' goals
- Provide resources and materials based on specific interests (non-profit theory, socioeconomic / food justice, mechanics of urban gardening...)
- Educational workshops
- Current students are encouraged to seek out course credit and/or funding from their campus for their internship.

## **More About BFFC**

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. With our support, neighbors come together to build food forest gardens in their neighborhoods. These gardens create a space to 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.

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.

**Location:** The Boston Nature Center, 500 Walk Hill Street, Mattapan, MA 02126

**Phone:** 617-983-8500

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

Please send a resume and cover letter to Orion Kriegman at [orion@bostonfoodforest.org](mailto:orion@bostonfoodforest.org)