



Garden Intern The Organic Gardener Ltd.

The Organic Gardener Ltd. (TOG) creates beautiful and productive organic edible gardens. Since 2005, we've built well over a thousand vegetable gardens in and around Chicago utilizing a full line of customized services: design, installation, maintenance, and education.

Based in the North Shore suburbs of Chicago, our team's reach extends to a wide variety of clients throughout the Midwest region. We work with families to create suburban and urban home gardens in yards and unique spaces. And we partner with non-residential groups like corporations, schools, restaurants, and non-profit organizations to craft public food production projects with accompanying educational programming.

Our approach is rooted in the idea that anyone, anywhere, can grow their own food. Each TOG project connects us to the larger good food movement growing throughout the nation. Come grow with us!

We are looking for two Garden Interns to assist our Garden Maintenance team for a three month period. The interns will participate in extensive training and develop new skills in organic edible gardening, pest and disease management, and garden education. The interns will have the opportunity to work in all aspects of day-to-day TOG business, including traveling to our private and public garden sites for hands-on gardening with our Garden Educators, aiding in administrative and HQ tasks, and attending bi-weekly training sessions. Interns will work 2-3 days per week for approximately three months. Start dates are flexible April through August.

Tasks will include:

- Providing assistance to our Garden Educators and our administrative team
- All aspects of planting and maintaining organic edible gardens - transplanting, seeding, thinning, weeding, fertilizing, pruning, harvesting, deadheading, grooming, and edging
- All aspects of integrated pest and disease management - scouting, hand-picking, treating, and troubleshooting
- Aiding in recording field notes and providing excellent client communication

Ideal candidate will possess:

- Passion for the seed-to-table and edible education movements
- Strong communication skills
- Interest in hands-on, outdoors physical work
- Ability to take direction and guidance well

- Natural leadership and entrepreneurial spirit
- Willingness to be solutions-oriented
- Reliable transportation to Highland Park, IL
- Availability in early mornings and on Saturdays, and general flexibility
- Some basic knowledge of plants is a plus but not required - the internship will include foundational training

This is a paid internship. If you are a student, we are also happy to work with your school to obtain college credit for the internship.

To apply: send a resume, professional references, and a brief letter of interest to info@theorganicgardener.net by March 15th, 2017.

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