



URBAN HARVEST... Good Food Education for New York City Children

Available Summer Positions - 2017

Urban Harvest at Ujima, part of Slow Food NYC's Urban Harvest program centered at Ujima Garden, at 644 Riverdale Avenue, in East New York, Brooklyn, is a tuition-free, educational, urban farm resource for community children that **teaches about good, clean, and fair food for all** and its connection to human health and well-being and the health of the community and the planet. Urban Harvest at Ujima also is a source of farm-fresh, healthful, produce in the community. This summer, during July and August, approximately 75 children, 6 to 17 years old, in similarly aged groups of ten to 15, will spend a week, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, on the farm where they participate, as Student Farmers, in structured, educational activities. During the period, June through August, Urban Harvest at Ujima Farmers will also engage in developing and operating community food distribution channels. Urban Harvest at Ujima Farmers include;

- Managing Farmer,
- Farm Educator,
- Farm Chef, and
- Farm Interns
 - Assistant Farmer and
 - (3) Junior Farmers.

We are seeking six Farm Staff. Please see the Position Descriptions below.

Application

To apply, please send a cover letter and your resume to Edwin Yowell – eayowell@outlook.com and Martina Kenworthy – martinakenworthy@hotmail.com

About Slow Food NYC

Slow Food NYC, with more than 20,000 members and followers, is the local chapter of Slow Food USA, the national, non-profit organization dedicated to Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All. We believe that everyone has the right to ample, sustainably and humanely produced, culturally meaningful, delicious food that is good for human health, the health of the planet, and those who labor to put food on our tables. **Ujima Garden**, at 644 Riverdale Avenue, in East New York, Brooklyn, is a **property of Urban Harvest partner, BRP Companies.**



Farm Educator - Job Description

The Farm Educator, working June through August, coordinating with the Managing Farmers, is responsible for: day-to-day operations, including educational and food preparation and distribution activities, liaising with community organizations; developing and leading good, clean, and fair food classes and other educational activities; documenting Student Farmer and Farm Intern learning experiences, though structured, pre- and post-participation surveys and voice, photo, and video recording; and developing and operating community food distribution channels. Farm Educator responsibilities include:

Farm Educator Schedule

The Farm Educator will, during:

- June through August, attend meetings as required with the Managing Farmer and the Slow Food NYC Urban Harvest Committee;
- June, in coordination with the Managing Farmer and with the guidance of the Urban Harvest Committee, liaise with community organizations, develop daily lesson and activity plans for the approval of the Slow Food NYC Urban Harvest Committee; and become familiar with the farm, at minimum, 15 hours per week; and
- July and August, in coordination with the Managing Farmer and with the Guidance of the Urban Harvest Committee and with the support of Junior Farmers and Slow Food volunteers, as may be available, train Farm Interns, prepare for and lead daily Student Farmer classes and activities; document the Student Farmer and Farm Intern learning experience, via structured written and verbal surveys and audio, photo, and video recording, and manage food preparation and Community Food Distribution, at minimum, five hours per day, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Farm Educator Compensation

Based on qualification and experience, the Farm Educator may receive compensation as follows

- June - \$700
- July - \$1,400
- August - \$1,400
- Total - \$3,500

Farm Educator Requirements

The Farm Educator ideally will have:

- Credits towards or an undergraduate or graduate degree or certificate in a food systems related discipline, or equivalent, including work experience;
- Demonstrated interest in supporting the Slow Food mission of Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All;
- Demonstrated ability to work creatively and effectively, as part of a small team;
- Significant experience working with and teaching children in community programs; and
- Two personal recommendations (e.g., an employer, an educator, a professional associate, a responsible community member).

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Farm Chef - Job Description

The Farm Chef, working June through August and reporting to the Farm Educator, is responsible for all aspects of good, clean, and fair menu development, provisioning, communal snack and lunch preparation, and Food Box and Farm Stand programming. Farm Chef responsibilities include:

- Work with Slow Food NYC Urban Harvest Committee members to develop five lunch and snack menus, based upon Slow Food principles of Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All and using Ujima-grown produce to the extent possible;
- With room for creativity and personal initiative and in coordination with Managing Farmer and support of Junior Farmers and Slow Food volunteers, as may be available, prepare daily, Monday through Friday, snacks and communal lunches; and
- Coordinate weekly Student Farmer and Farm Intern Food Box assembly and distribution.

Farm Chef Schedule

The Farm Chef will, during:

- June through August, attend planning meetings as required with the Managing Farmer, farm Educator, and the Slow Food NYC Urban Harvest Committee;
- June, develop five lunch menus and five snack menus, for the approval of the Urban Harvest Committee, to be prepared during each program week in June, July, and August, coordinate menus with the Ujima Crop Plan prepared by the Managing Farmer and develop food sourcing relationships, coordinate off-site kitchen access (for cooking), cook ingredients, in advance, off-site, stock the pantry with staples (salt, spices, honey, oil, vinegar, dried beans, whole grains, lentils, etc.), based on menu requirements, and supplies and materials (dish soap, hand soap, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.), test menus, prepare daily lunches and snacks for Farm Staff, and develop community relationships and coordinate with Slow Food volunteer cooks, as may be available at minimum, 15 hours per week; and
- July (first three weeks), prepare daily lunches and snacks for eight Farm Staff, assist in community food distribution activities, including coordinating Farm Intern Food Box assembly and distribution, and instruct and prepare up to three community meals for small groups of community members at off-site locations, at minimum, six hours per day, from 11 am to 3 pm; and
- July (last week) and August,
 - daily, prepare for food service, prepare and serve 25 to 30 snacks and communal lunches (engaging and leading Student Farmer “hands-on” participation in lunch preparation), and clean up after meals and compost (Engaging Student Farmers) and
 - weekly (Fridays), coordinate Student Farmer and Farm Intern Food Box assembly and distribution,at minimum, six hours per day,
 - on-site, four hours per day, Monday through Friday, from 11 am to 3 pm, and
 - off-site, approximately one to two hours per day for advance supplemental food procurement and off-site food preparation.

Farm Chef Compensation

Based on qualification and experience, the Farm Chef may receive compensation as follows

- June - \$500
- July - \$1,250
- August - \$1,250
- Total - \$3,000

Farm Chef Requirements

The Farm Chef ideally will have:

- Credits towards or an undergraduate or graduate degree or a certificate in a food systems related discipline, or equivalent, including work experience;
- Food Handling License;
- Demonstrated interest in supporting the Slow Food mission of Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All;
- Demonstrated ability to work creatively and effectively as part of a small team;
- Significant experience working with and teaching children in community programs;
- Significant experience in meal and snack preparation; and
- Two personal recommendations (e.g., an employer, an educator, a professional associate, a responsible community member).

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Farm Intern - Assistant Farmer - Job Description

The Assistant Farmer, working May through August and reporting to the Managing Farmer, is responsible for assisting in all aspects of farm operation, including “hands-on” farm tasks, including farm preparation; crop planning, planting, tending, harvesting, and composting; and assisting in community food distribution. Assistant Farmer responsibilities include, with room for creativity and personal initiative and with the guidance of the Managing Farmer and the support of Junior Farmers and Slow Food volunteers, as may be available,

- farm clean-up and summer preparation,
- farm site development and maintenance (including any construction),
- supply and material planning, acquisition, and management,
- farming activities (including planting, tending, harvesting, and composting and farm-stand operation and community food distribution),
- coordination of Student Farmer daily activities during July and August (including
- “hands-on “planting, tending, harvesting, and composting), and
- farm clean-up and winter preparation.

Assistant Farmer Schedule

The Assistant Farmer will, during:

- May through August, attend farm planning and management meetings as required with the Managing Farmer and the Slow Food NYC Urban Harvest Committee;
- May and June, perform “hands-on” farm activities, as guided by the Managing Farmer, and ensure readiness for farm operation and community food distribution, at minimum, 15 hours per week; and
- July and August, perform “hands-on” farm activities, as guided by the Managing Farmer, and in coordination with the Farm Educator and Farm Chef, and ensure successful farm operation and community food distribution, as required, at minimum, six hours per day, between 9 am and 3 pm, typically, Monday through Friday.

Assistant Farmer Compensation

Based on qualification and experience, the Assistant Farmer may receive compensation as follows

- May - \$600
- June - \$600
- July - \$1,200
- August - \$1,200
- Total - \$3,600

Assistant Farmer Requirements

The Assistant Farmer ideally will have:

- An undergraduate degree or credits or a certificate in a food systems related discipline, or equivalent, including work experience;

- Demonstrated interest in supporting the Slow Food mission of Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All;
- Demonstrated ability to lead and work creatively and effectively in a small team;
- Significant experience in
 - “hands-on” community gardening and urban farming and
 - planning and managing community gardening and urban farming operations and community food distribution,
- Two personal recommendations (e.g., an employer, an educator, a professional associate, a responsible community member).

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Farm Intern - Junior Farmer - Job Description

The Junior Farmer, reporting to the Farm Educator and supporting the Assistant Farmer and the Farm Chef, will

- perform “hands-on” farming activities (including planting, tending, harvesting, and composting), “farm-stand” and community food distribution activities, and communal meal preparation, clean-up, and composting activities, as directed,
- ensure site cleanliness, including composting, proper trash disposal, and food storage and preparation area and bathroom cleaning, and
- help coordinate Student Farmer daily activities, helping to ensure orderly farm operation.

Junior Farmer Schedule

The Junior Farmer will, during:

- July (first three weeks), become familiar with farm operation and receive training in the Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All program of educational classes and activities and
- July (last week) and August, perform “hands-on” farm activities, as required, at minimum, six hours per day, between 9 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

Junior Farmer Compensation

The Junior Farmer will receive compensation as follows

- July - \$700 - 800
- August - \$700 - 800

depending on experience.

Junior Farmer Requirements

The Junior Farmer ideally will be a neighborhood high school student in his/her sophomore, junior, or senior year and have

- Demonstrated interest in supporting the Slow Food mission of Good, Clean, and Fair Food for All;
- Demonstrated ability to work creatively and effectively in a small team;
- Experience in “hands-on” community gardening and urban farming;
- Experience working with community children; and
- Two personal recommendations (e.g., an employer, an educator, a responsible community member).

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