



Olivewood™

Gardens & Learning Center

## Sustainable Urban Agriculture Internship

### Internship Description

Olivewood's Sustainable Urban Agriculture Internship is an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in sustainable urban agriculture and first-hand teaching experience in an urban garden setting. Interns will have the unique opportunity to work in an organic urban farm that actively engages the community to support natural ecosystems, human health, and water conservation. As an organization rooted in community, this role requires active participation in anti-racist work and a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Internships are unpaid, however class credit is available.

### Commitment

The Sustainable Urban Agriculture Intern will commit to approximately 8 to 12 hours per week for a total of 120 hours.

### Internship Goals

- Practice techniques including: contributing to the planning of our Teaching Garden, basic propagation techniques, identifying plant disease and pests, incorporating integrated pest management, garden bed preparation, irrigation, and overall garden maintenance
- First-hand teaching experience with our Children's Field Trip Program
- Learn about experiential education techniques in a non-traditional classroom setting
- Understand local community health concerns and education challenges

### Duties

- Assist with garden tasks such as identifying plant disease, pests, watering, weeding, building compost, digging and clearing beds, planting, harvesting, propagation and more
- Co-facilitate the garden component of our 4th Grade Field Trip lessons
- Provide feedback on lesson successes and suggestions for improvement

### Qualifications

We are seeking individuals enrolled in courses related to Sustainable Urban Agriculture, with an interest in supporting an urban farm, an interest in working with youth, fastidious attention to detail, and a vibrant appreciation for the life lessons learned in the garden.

Applicants studying education, child and family development, environmental science, sustainability, biology, or ecology are preferred. Spanish language proficiency is ideal, but not required.



### Organization Description

Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center's historic 7.85-acre property in National City, California serves as an interactive, indoor-outdoor classroom for children and adults from around San Diego County. Our mission is to inspire youth and adults to be healthy and active citizens through organic gardening, environmental stewardship, and nutrition education. We do this through science-based environmental education and nutrition lessons, hands-on gardening and cooking classes, and job skills and leadership development programs for youth, adults, and families.

### To Apply

Email your resume and cover letter to Sarah Suarez, Volunteer Coordinator at [sarah@olivewoodgardens.org](mailto:sarah@olivewoodgardens.org)

