

## Urban Farm Internship

Duration: September-December, 15-20 hours/week, with possibility of extending into winter/spring semester

Start date: September 16th, 2016

Reports to: Farm Coordinator

Victory Garden Initiative is a non-profit organization that building communities who grow their own food as a way of life; creating a community-based, ecologically sustainable, socially just and nutritious food system. We are a small, dynamic and rapidly growing organization seeking the right team member to join us in changing the landscape of Milwaukee into a lush food-producing city.

The Concordia Gardens Urban Farm Intern is crucial to the productivity of our 1.5 community education farm. In addition to general farm needs, this intern can expect to take part in events and activities that take place at Concordia Gardens such as healthy cooking classes, biweekly workdays on Saturday mornings, and volunteer events.

### Position Description:

The Urban Farm Internship is an opportunity to expand your knowledge of urban food production, urban neighborhood development, community engagement, volunteer management, and urban food systems. This internship opportunity is part education and part hands-on work experience. Your work will be embedded in Milwaukee's Harambee Neighborhood where the postindustrial economic crash has hit hard, but where Milwaukeeans from all walks of life are contributing to advance economic prosperity, improve urban health and deepen community connections.

### Learning opportunities and Duties:

- Composting food waste
- Cultivate soil
- Planning, planting, cultivating, and harvesting of crops
- Provide irrigation for orchards, vegetable crops, and gardens
- Work with seedlings and plants inside hoop house
- Enhancing permaculture plantings in an urban forest
- Give tours of Concordia Gardens to small groups
- General grounds keeping and maintenance including mowing and pulling weeds
- Preparing for the spring grow season
- Manage small groups of volunteers during workday events
- Conduct community outreach to raise awareness and interest in urban agriculture
- Working with neighborhood youth in the gardens

### Qualifications:

- Ability to cope with the physical demands of the job
- Enjoys being outside and gardening

- Ability to work long hours in all kinds of weather conditions
- Ability to work in a team and on your own
- Mechanical aptitude
- Aptitude for detail management and commitment to deadlines
- Ability to multitask
- Good communication skills
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Interest in food system issues

To apply: Please send cover letter, resume, and three references to the Farm Coordinator, Gretchen Mead at [Gretchen.Mead@VictoryGardenInitiative.org](mailto:Gretchen.Mead@VictoryGardenInitiative.org) by September 9th, 2016.