

## **Community Gardens Internship**

### **About the Corvallis Environmental Center**

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) envisions a community in which People Learn, People Care, People Act. In pursuit of this vision, our mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through local & healthy food initiatives, nature-based education, and energy conservation programs. The CEC was founded in 1994 as a grassroots effort to take action on environmental issues, and today reaches over 15,000 people in Benton County through its programs and services.

### **About Dunawi Creek Creek Community Garden (DCCG)**

Dunawi Creek Community Garden is located in Bruce Starker Arts Park in SW Corvallis. This 2-acre garden hosts nearly 100 community garden plots of three different sizes (100, 200, 400 square feet), a native plant garden, a shared small-fruit area and provides four ADA-accessible garden beds. Community Garden Members have access to irrigation water, community tool shed and equipment, educational opportunities and CEC Garden Staff. DCCG sits adjacent to the Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE), the CEC's one-acre production and education garden. These gardens play a dynamic role in the overall Community Food and Agriculture Programs at the CEC.

### **Position Responsibilities:**

- Assist in the administration of the DCCG Program, including but not limited to: new member orientation, potential member tours, new member orientation, garden plot inspection, record keeping
- Generation of monthly newsletter content, formatting, publication and posting
- Help coordinate and publicize Community Garden events: social, educational, outreach
- Participate in facilities improvement projects; donation solicitations, grant applications
- Assist with maintenance of the physical space of DCCG, including but not limited to: plot preparation, pruning, mulching, weeding, moving organic materials, mowing, string trimming, tool and equipment maintenance and general facilities maintenance
- Available 6-12 hours / month, preferably Feb - Nov

### **Qualifications:**

- Interest in gardening, local food systems, community food systems, sustainable agricultural, and / or garden education
- Experience working with families, adults, seniors and individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Interest in community organizing, events coordination, and or public outreach
- Ability to work outdoors in all types of weather; ability to lift and carry up to 40 lbs., stand, bend, squat, and safely use a variety of hand tools and gas powered equipment
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Punctual and reliable
- Outgoing and positive attitude
- Bilingual a plus! (Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, etc.)

### **Benefits:**

- Learn how to start and operate a community garden!
- Earn Academic Credit - currently available to LBCC, OSU, or WOU students. See our website and check in with your Advisor to see if this internship qualifies for your academic program.