

Sustainable Agriculture Intern

Corvallis Environmental Center Background: The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is a community-based, educational non-profit that has prioritized partnerships to implement programs to address community needs since 1994. CEC's mission is to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through pre-K through 8th environmental education, Farm to School programs, youth leadership development, teacher training, and food security. We work in Corvallis, Oregon and surrounding rural communities. CEC's programs include after school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with the Corvallis, Albany, and Philomath School Districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE. The Corvallis Environmental Center is committed to being an inclusive organization and fully supports those demanding reform and justice. We stand with those who have been affected by violence, racism and other forms of discrimination.

Position Description: The Sustainable Agriculture interns play a crucial role in the success of our small farm: SAGE. This is a great opportunity to work as part of a cohort of interns and gain hands-on experience. Sustainable Agriculture Interns learn about small-scale agriculture, local hunger relief, educational gardening, sustainability, permaculture, and connecting people with the food that they eat. As a part of the SAGE team, you will help to grow the ~5 tons of food that we donate each year to aid individuals and families suffering from food insecurity in our local community.

Job Responsibilities: Sustainable Agriculture Interns will work under the supervision of the Community Food Systems Manager and will have the opportunity to do the following:

- Give creative input to enhance production and educational function at SAGE.
- Participate in all seasonal gardening tasks, including preparing garden beds, adding organic amendments, composting, seeding, weeding, mulching, trellising, suckering, and harvesting.
- OPTIONAL: Select a special project to meet your desired internship outcomes.
- OPTIONAL: Earn academic credits– check in with your advisor to see if it qualifies for credit.

Qualifications:

- Be punctual and reliable.
- Effectively communicate with a diverse group of people.
- Have a willingness to get dirty and work outside in *all types of weather*.
- Demonstrate an interest in food security and sustainable agriculture.
- Take initiative and have a positive attitude!

For more information, contact the Community Food Systems Manager: Liz@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org