Organization Name: Global Growers Network

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Organization’s Mission Statement:
Global Growers Network is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that connects international farmers who now live in Georgia to agriculture, by growing good food, training farmers, and creating economic opportunities.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:
GGN works primarily with metro-Atlanta's refugee community, made up of people who have been forced to flee their home countries due to war, genocide and persecution. Many were farmers back home. We currently work with about 250 families representing 15 culture groups from around the world. They grow fresh and culturally appropriate foods to feed their families and communities, to earn supplemental income, and to prepare for careers as independent farmers. We offer land and agricultural support to develop hands-on production skills relevant to farming in the Southeast United States. Our Farm School features training in agricultural production, business and marketing, and food safety. Our approach is very collaborative and partnerships with local organizations are key to our success.

Intern’s title: Farm Operations Intern

Number of interns requested by this organization? 2

Internship project/job description:

The Farm Operations internship will support production at various farm and garden sites, including community gardens, market gardens, and training farm. Specific responsibilities include:
● General site management, including: cultivating, mowing, harvesting, irrigating/plumbing, maintaining fences, fixing what’s broke, cleaning what’s dirty, composting, vermicompost-ing, taking care of goats, participating in site improvement projects with volunteer groups

● Learn and implement principles of organic farming at different production sites in DeKalb County (limited MARTA accessibility), in cooperation with international growers

● Participate in and coordinate activities during volunteer workdays

● Assist with planning, organizing, and hosting Global Growers’ summer farm events

Qualifications:

● Must be able to lift 30 lbs and provide own transportation

● A commitment to community development

● A serious interest in the local foods movement

● Energetic and self-motivated work habits

● A mind for efficiency, innovation, and inquiry

● Open and positive communication skills

  • The willingness to learn no matter how much you already know

If there are other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.) please note them here: n/a

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

Yes, this is preferable. The commute to the farm on MARTA is over one-hour each way, including a bus transfer and ½-1 mile walk. One intern successfully did this, but most find it prohibitive.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?
See above. Very limited accessibility.