Organization Name: Global Growers Network

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Organization’s Mission Statement:
Global Growers Network partners with people from diverse cultures to grow fresh food for their families and for local marketplaces. Together, we build and sustain networks of growers, land, resources, and markets in order to create a more equitable food system that is driven by cultural diversity, inclusive economies, and regenerative agriculture practices.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:
We connect growers to sustainable agriculture resources and quality farmland at 10 farm, community garden and orchard sites in DeKalb and Rockdale Counties. Our Farm in Rockdale county is a 23-acre property that will offer a permanent home for farmers who face barriers to accessing land and capital by establishing a cooperative farming model and sales enterprise. Our vision is for the farm to become a vibrant and inclusive hub for celebrating local agriculture and global food cultures.

Intern's title: Leadership Apprentice (for Local Food Systems and Land Stewardship)

Number of interns requested: 1

Internship project/job description (Please detail degree to which position is in-person, virtual, or hybrid.):
In 2024, Global Growers is launching a Leadership Apprentice Program that creates project-based opportunities for New and first-generation American and BIPOC leaders to lead aspects of Global Growers’ programming on local food
systems and conservation. These projects will serve as an onramp for New and First-generation American leadership within the Global Growers’ network. The first iteration of the Leadership Apprentice Program, is rooted in the infrastructure, outreach and education around pollinator gardens at two of our growing sites.

The leadership apprentice will work with Global Growers staff and with Grower Network Members to support the development and installation of pollinator gardens at two of our growing sites, as well as collaborate with community partners and stakeholders living near the gardens to develop and support a pollinator garden outreach, education and engagement agenda.

With the support of the Global Growers staff, the apprentice will contribute greatly to the success of the project, serving as one of its lead coordinators.

**The apprentice will:**
- Support the design and hands-on installation of the pollinator gardens;
- Update and design new educational materials for the pollinators gardens;
- Work alongside the Global Growers team to organize outreach efforts to invite the participation and support of community members and stakeholders as Ambassadors for the gardens;
- Support the design and facilitate two garden tours/workshops at the gardens.

**Expected deliverables:**
The intern will be a member of the Grower Network Staff Team. Together, the team is expected to complete and/or create:

- Two updated and complete pollinator gardens, one at Decatur Kitchen Garden and one at Indian Creek Farm.
- Fresh educational materials correlating with the pollinator gardens at each site, including plant names, scientific information, health benefits and uses, and its role in gardens and farms. This can take several forms and we invite the apprentice to shape the delivery and presentation of these materials.

*This is a hybrid position, with 3 days on site, and 2 virtual days. The apprentice will work Monday through Friday or Tuesday through Saturday. That schedule will be determined between the apprentice and their supervisor.*

**Qualifications:**
- Some knowledge around the environment, sustainability and agriculture, or a strong desire to learn about these topics.
- Public speaking experience, and/or some experience facilitating small groups or workshops.
- Community organizing, advocacy, and leadership experience, and/or a strong desire to get engaged in these avenues.
- Demonstrated ability and/or experience and comfort in working with diverse groups of people and in multilingual settings.
- Can work well on a team, and also independently when necessary.
- Comfort in being/working outdoors in the elements, around bugs, etc.
- Reliable transportation.

Other requirements, if any, for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)?:
- Must have complete COVID-19 vaccination.

Will the internship require that the student have a car?
Global Growers has multiple garden and farm sites that the apprentice may need to travel to for portions of their work. Access to reliable transportation is required, whether that be a vehicle or public transportation.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?
The two garden sites that the apprentice will primarily be working at are accessible by public transit. Our organic farm in Conyers is not accessible by public transit.