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: Farm Operations Intern

Number of interns requested: 1
Internship project/job description (please include a virtual/socially distanced option if possible):

Support the development of a new, organic 25-acre cooperative farm. This position is hybrid; it will be 2 days on-site, and 2 days remote.

The responsibilities of this position include:
- Support National Organic Program compliance and support maintenance of record-keeping systems (in person/virtual)
- Conduct research on new crop development and management, with a focus on perennial and fruiting crops (virtual)
- Support development and implementation of soil health and fertility program at new farm site, including testing/monitoring, cover cropping, and amending (in person/virtual)
- Assist with seasonal farm and garden projects, and general farm duties (in person)
- Support research and development of agritourism events and programs (in person/virtual)
- Participate in farm team and organizational meetings; contribute to organizational special events and projects (in person/virtual)

Qualifications:
- Able to lift 50lbs, walk over uneven terrain
- Experience doing manual labor outdoors and comfort working in variable weather conditions
- Preferred experience working or living in multicultural and multilingual settings
- Preferred previous experience in community food projects, alternative food systems, organic farms, and/or community garden projects.
- Reliable transportation
- Strong communications
- Excellent organizational skills
- Problem-solver and creative thinker
- Able to work independently and as part of a team

Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)? If yes, please note them here: Must have complete COVID-19 vaccination.

Will the internship require that the student have a car? Yes
Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options? No