



Position Title: Plant Propagation Intern

Position Description: Produce vegetable seedlings in a greenhouse for the Greater Lansing Food Bank's Garden Project and Lansing Roots Farm programs. 10 hours per week minimum, 15-20 preferred. Includes a stipend ranging from \$500-1500 depending on availability and experience.

Deadline to apply: 11/27/16 – position will be filled asap

Internship Dates: January 2016 – May 2016, exact dates negotiable

Hours per week a person can intern: minimum of 10, 15-20 preferred

Number of applicants that are currently being accepted: 1

Organization Information: The Greater Lansing Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides food assistance to individuals and families in need in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties. *Plant Propagation Intern* will produce vegetable seedlings to be used for the Greater Lansing Food Bank's Lansing Roots and Garden Project. [Lansing Roots Farm](#) helps limited resource and/or historically under-served individuals from the greater Lansing area begin successful market gardening and farming enterprises through an incubator farm setting. The [Garden Project](#) was started in 1983 by early organizers of the Greater Lansing Food Bank who wanted to create a longer term solution to the problem of hunger and to promote gardening as a vehicle for community development. The goal is to cultivate connections so that all community members can have access to fresh healthy foods through gardening opportunities. Since its initiation, the Garden Project has grown to support a network of nearly 500 low-income home gardeners and 130 community gardens, helping more than 8,000 people by providing access to land, how-to education, free seeds and plants, tool lending, a networking hub and more. Seedlings grown by intern will contribute to the more than 23,000 plant starts typically given to community gardeners, home gardeners, school and church gardens and other garden entities each year at the Garden Project.

Responsibilities:

- Seed selection and starting, watering, nutrient management, and ongoing plant maintenance
- Management of greenhouse space (learn climate control mechanisms, organize and clean greenhouse materials)
- Self-motivation will increase possibilities of service scope and may include conducting seed starting workshops, and creating educational materials

Qualifications:

- Academic background in Horticulture, Botany, or Related Field
- Junior or Senior standing preferred
- Ability to travel to Hill Center Greenhouse and to the GLFB administrative office in north Lansing
- Flexibility to work on some weekends
- Ability to lift up to 45 lb
- Ability to occasionally work outdoors in all conditions while maintaining a positive attitude



Skills:

- Experience growing plants from seed, familiarity with common greenhouse insects and diseases is a bonus
- Attention to detail, and good observational skills to detect and address problems while they are small
- Ability to serve independently after receiving adequate guidance
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to coordinate work schedule and duties with other interns and program staff

Transportation/Location information: The greenhouse is at the [Hill Center](#), off 5825 Wise Rd. Intern will also have work responsibilities at the GLFB administrative office at 919 Filley St. Lansing.

To apply please send resume and cover letter to:

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