Penn Food & Wellness- Farm and Orchard Internship
Part-time, Spring-Fall 2020

University of Pennsylvania, Facilities and Real Estate Services
Hourly wage based on level of experience
April – November, 10-20 hours per week

**Penn Food and Wellness Collaborative:**
The Penn Food and Wellness Collaborative is a new initiative bringing together partners from the Center for Public Health Initiatives, Facilities and Real Estate Services, Wellness at Penn, and others across Penn. This year marks the expansion of the Penn Park Orchard into Penn’s first campus urban farm, Penn Park Farm. The farm will be host to a wide variety of programming including class visits, internships, workshops, volunteer opportunities, and events, with an emphasis on promoting wellness on campus.

**The Farm:**
The main location for the Penn Food and Wellness Collaborative will be the farm, located in Penn Park, one of Penn’s largest green spaces. Expanding from the existing Penn Park Orchard, the Penn Park Farm will boast a hoop house for season extension, in-ground beds for growing and an orchard. The farm will utilize sustainable, organic growing practices.

**The Food:**
Produce grown from the Penn Park Farm and Orchard will be directed towards two major priorities- access and education.

- **Access:** Organic, fresh produce will be sent to the Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative (AUNI), a program within the Netter Center for Community Partnerships. AUNI will use this produce in their Good Food Bag program that provides affordable, chemical free, bags of produce to the West Philadelphia community as well as low income, first generation students at Penn through a partnership with the Greenfield Intercultural Center and Student Intervention Services.

- **Education:** Our produce will be utilized in educational opportunities at the farm such as cooking classes, medicine making workshops, events.

**The Programs:**
The Penn Food and Wellness Collaborative will exist at the intersection of countless educational and wellness related programs on campus. Some examples of workshop and event topics include organic growing, yoga, healthy cooking and nutrition, food justice, sustainability and more. The Penn Park Farm and Orchard will be a flagship site for other wellness programs from the Center for Public Health Initiatives such as Nature Rx and Weekly Themed Wellness Walks.
For Faculty and Staff:
The Penn Food and Wellness Collaborative welcomes collaboration with Penn’s faculty and staff. The farm is a great place for field trips, hands-on learning and has the capacity to serve as an outdoor laboratory for research. Staff can apply to host events at the farm, weather permitting.

Specific tasks include:
- Manage and expand the existing orchard space and facilitate monthly orchard work days for students, faculty and staff, working closely with Philadelphia Orchard Project staff and Penn grounds staff
- Assist with the farm in tasks such as seeding, planting, cultivating, harvesting, and wash/pack for production of crops
- Take a leadership role in developing programming and special events to educate and engage the Penn community in the farm and the orchard
- Coordinate an active email listserv and social media presence; strengthen campus awareness of the garden
- Coordinate online presence; strengthen campus awareness of the orchard
- Additional tasks as needed

Qualifications:
Current undergraduate or graduate student; Prior experience in orchard management preferred. This includes caring for trees, perennials, flowers, herbs and some annual plants. One full growing season of experience preferred. Prior work as a gardener/farmer and/or garden/farm educator preferred. Must have knowledge of organic growing practices.
Ability lift 50 lbs and work outside in various weather conditions
Must have experience with outreach and engagement on a University campus;
Must be able to work independently and be a creative self-starter;
Excellent writing and analytical skills; Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
Knowledge of Microsoft Excel.
Strong leadership and public speaking skills
Interest in food justice, sustainability, or health and wellness is a plus!

Interested applicants should use the subject heading “Penn Food and Wellness Part-time Internship” and submit a cover letter and resume to: Chloe Cerwinka, Landscape Planner, chloec@upenn.edu. Applications are due by: Tuesday, March 31st at 5pm