

Garden Management Internship: Summer 2018

Department & Position Overview: Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Culinary & Wellness Services serves more than 40,000 meals each day to students at 73 public schools across Minneapolis. We serve scratch-cooked, local, seasonal, fresh, food whenever possible. We also engage students in the farm-to-table process and get students excited about growing and eating good food. Learn more at <http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/>.

MPS Culinary & Wellness Services is seeking a summer intern to manage our 2,200 sq. ft. vegetable garden located at our Culinary Center. This garden is designed to be a welcoming and education space to demonstrate our department's commitment to fresh, locally-grown food. The intern will care for the garden, harvest produce, coordinate produce distribution and donation, and engage local youth in garden programming.

Duration/Timing: 10-20 hours per week, mid-May through August. Internship schedule is flexible; office hours are typically Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Special events or meetings may occasionally fall on evenings or weekends.

Compensation: This is an unpaid internship. *Course credit, service learning hours, and/or outside grant funding for internship hours required.*

Responsibilities:

- Manage 2,200 sq. ft. vegetable garden at MPS Culinary Center (ie. oversee planting, provide garden care and maintenance, harvest produce, etc.)
- Maintain an indoor Harvest Table for Culinary Center staff and visitors with fresh produce, recipe cards, and educational materials
- Coordinate produce distribution at nearby MPS summer meal sites and donation to local food pantries
- Schedule and lead youth garden engagement activities
- Other duties as assigned

Learning Opportunities: This internship will provide hands-on, professional learning experience related to sustainable farming and garden management, as well as school nutrition, Farm to School programming, community engagement, education and more. While managing the Culinary Center's garden is the primary focus of the internship, the intern will have the opportunity to work closely with the Farm to School Coordinator to learn about MPS Culinary & Wellness Services' work to provide MPS students with access with quality food and active living.

Qualifications:

- Eligibility to receive course credit, service learning hours or grant funding for internship hours.
- Interest in agriculture, local food, youth engagement, school food, nutrition, etc.
- Basic gardening experience and/or enthusiasm
- Comfortable juggling a variety of tasks – organized and self-motivated
- Professional written and oral communication skills
- Having a car is not required, but very helpful

Questions? Please contact Kate Seybold, MPS Farm to School Coordinator, at kate.seybold@mpls.k12.mn.us.

To Apply: Please send a brief cover letter (no more than 500 words) and resume (no more than one page) to Kate Seybold at kate.seybold@mpls.k12.mn.us by 5:00PM on Friday, April 20th.

