



Now Seeking 3 Volunteer Farm Interns for our 2017 season!

Spend the 2017 season learning with us here at Red Wiggle Community Farm, a 12-acre organic vegetable farm in Germantown, MD, where people with and without disabilities come together to work, learn and grow healthy food.



Responsibilities: To assist farmworkers with disabilities in everyday farm tasks, including planting, harvesting, composting, weeding, pest management, and some CSA and Farmer's Market staffing, while keeping a positive attitude and maintaining a healthy and inclusive work environment.



Time Frame: A minimum of 12 weeks between April 2016 and November 2016, with availability between 8a.m. to 4p.m., Monday through Friday. There is some flexibility in the schedule, but we have found that interns who volunteer five days get a more well-rounded experience at Red Wiggler. Preference will be given to applicants who can volunteer for more than 12 weeks. Great for college and graduate students!



Compensation: \$300/month stipend to cover expenses incurred during internship. Interns will receive farm-grown vegetables every week May-November. We can arrange for students to receive academic credit for this internship. We can help with housing possibilities (no on-farm housing available).

Qualifications:

- Interest in working with adults with developmental disabilities
- Interest in sustainable agriculture
- Able to keep a positive attitude!
- Able to work in a team as well as independently
- Dependable
- Comfortable working with volunteer groups, including youth
- Able to perform demanding physical labor
- Ready to work outdoors in all weather

Training:

No prior farm experience or knowledge is necessary, only a desire to learn and a proactive attitude. Red Wiggler Staff and Growers will provide training in all areas of organic vegetable farming, including: Seed-starting, planting, weeding, irrigating, organic pest management, organic nutrient management, use and care of hand tools, record-keeping, harvesting, and post-harvest distribution.

In addition to this largely hands-on training and education, we participate in the Chesapeake Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT) program. Interns are strongly encouraged to participate in this program which provides learning and networking opportunities with area farmers.

We also offer monthly on-farm seminars in topics of interns' choosing.

Opportunities are available for interns to work on an independent project, with the help of Red Wiggler staff and grower(s). This project would be designed to benefit both the intern and Red Wiggler.

To Apply:

Submit letter of interest and resume to **Katie at volunteer@redwiggler.org**.

Please include examples of experiences that demonstrate your ability to work with diverse populations and why you would like to become a part of the Red Wiggler community. Applications will be considered and offers will be made on a rolling basis.