



Now Seeking a Volunteer Education & Farm Intern for our 2018 season!

Red Wiggler is seeking a Volunteer Intern to assist both with visiting educational groups as well as in the field on our a 12-acre organic vegetable farm in Germantown, MD, where people with and without disabilities come together to work, learn and grow healthy food.



Description of Education Portion: This individual will assist the Education and Outreach Coordinator with field trips & hands on activities attended by individuals, of all ages, many of which have developmental disabilities as well as other tasks that advance the education program. Time allocation: May & June = 20hrs/week, July & August = as needed, at least 10hrs/week.

Description of Field portion: With the remaining hours, this individual will 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 2018 and November 2018, with availability between 8a.m. to 4p.m., Monday through Friday. There is some flexibility in the schedule (which may impact stipend), but we have found that interns who volunteer five days get a more well-rounded experience at Red Wiggler. Please know that for this position, the months of May & June are the where we have the heaviest need. Preference will be given to applicants who can volunteer for more than 12 weeks. Great for college and graduate students!

Compensation: \$375/month stipend to cover expenses incurred during internship. Interns will receive farm-grown vegetables every week May-November.

To Apply: Submit letter of interest and resume to darlene@redwiggler.org.

Qualifications:

- Interest in working with youth and adults with developmental disabilities
- Interest in farm-based education & sustainable agriculture
- Able to keep a positive attitude!
- Able to work in a team as well as independently
- Dependable
- Comfortable leading tours and working with volunteer groups
- 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 areas of farm-based education and 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) and DC Greens' Farm to School programs. Interns are strongly encouraged to participate in trainings offered by these programs which provide learning and networking opportunities with area farmers and educators.

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 **darlene@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.