



**Organization Description:** Grow Pittsburgh is an urban agriculture non-profit. Our mission is to teach people how to grow food and promote the benefits gardens bring to our neighborhoods. We believe access to locally-grown, chemical-free fruits and vegetables is a right, not a privilege. We envision the day when everyone in our city and region grows and eats fresh, local and healthy food.

**Overview:** Grow Pittsburgh is seeking a Farm Assistant for our sites at The Frick Art & Historical Center Greenhouse and Shiloh Farm for the 2016 season. The Farm Assistant will be involved with varied aspects of seedling production and our annual seedling sale. The assistant will work in the vegetable gardens and assist with weekly sales through various outlets. The assistant will also be involved with community engagement and education by giving site tours and working with school, community, and volunteer groups interested in being involved with the gardens.

**Timeline:** This is a 8 month long position starting March 14, 2016 and ending on October 28, 2016.

**Site Locations:**

- Frick Art & Historical Center Greenhouse 7227 Reynolds Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208
- Shiloh Farm, Thomas Boulevard and Homewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

**Hours:** 30 hours/week, Tuesday through Saturday, including weekends and special events.

**Compensation:** \$12/hour

**Responsibilities:** The Farm Assistant will work directly with Greenhouse & Shiloh Farm Manager Nick Lubecki and a seasonal greenhouse worker in a variety of aspects of urban small-scale, sustainable, vegetable and seedling production. Throughout the season the assistant can expect to experience the following:

**Production:**

- Seeding, potting and transplanting herbs and vegetables in the greenhouse and gardens
- Weekend watering
- Farm bed preparation including weeding, cultivation, fertilization
- Direct seeding, transplanting, and succession planting
- Crop maintenance including weeding, cultivating, mulching, irrigating, foliar feeding, and side dressing

- Utilizing cover crops, compost, mulch and organic amendments to improve soil fertility
- Identifying and controlling pests and diseases using organic methods
- Year-round greenhouse growing

**Marketing:**

- Harvesting, washing and packaging produce for sales through farm stands, Penns Corner Farm Alliance and direct restaurant sales
- Marketing produce both at weekly farm stands and special events – Special events include: May Market at Phipps Conservatory, First Fridays at The Frick and various others throughout the season
- Keeping detailed records & maintaining communication with Grow Pittsburgh Manager

**Community Outreach and Education:**

- Working with community partners to organize and execute tours of the greenhouse and gardens for visitors and school groups
- Managing volunteer groups or individuals
- Interacting with the public on a daily basis

**Requirements:** Applicants should have a strong interest in sustainable and organic agriculture, vegetable gardening, and urban farming. At least one season of growing experience is required. Those interested should be self-motivated, punctual, and should enjoy interacting and working with people. They should also possess a strong work ethic, ability to work in all weather conditions, follow through on details and work efficiently.

This position requires work in the greenhouse, outdoor gardens and occasionally in an office setting; therefore, candidates should be flexible and adaptable in their work environment. Both of the sites the assistant will be working on are open to the public. Applicants should be willing to interact in a friendly manner with visitors on a daily basis. Candidates must be able to work weekends and special events, must have a valid driver's license and must have transportation to work sites.

**To Apply:** Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Nick Lubecki at: [nick@growpittsburgh.org](mailto:nick@growpittsburgh.org).

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