



**Position Title:** Crew Leader / Youth Supervisor – Urban Farmers in Training Program

**Position Reports to:** High School Program Coordinator

**Employment Status:** Temporary AmeriCorps Member

**About Grow Pittsburgh:**

Grow Pittsburgh is an urban agriculture non-profit. Our mission is to teach people how to grow food and promote the benefits gardening brings 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.

**Summary of Position:**

The Urban Farmers in Training Crew Leader is the main teacher, role model and supervisor for a group of six high school students throughout the six week summer program. The Crew Leader supervises farm work with the students with technical support from the Farm Manager. The Crew Leader also works with the support of the High School Program Coordinator to run team building, leadership, and job-readiness trainings along with workshops on social justice and the food system. Additional responsibilities include working with the students at farm stand and volunteer work nights and organizing guest speakers and workshops with local experts in farming, culinary arts, and other areas of interest for the students. For this summer, we will hire two UFIT Crew Leaders: one to work in Braddock, Pennsylvania and the other to work in the Homewood neighborhood of Pittsburgh's East End.

**Responsibilities:**

- Supervise farm and garden work with a team of six students
- Develop and implement summer UFIT lesson plans and program ideas, including but not limited to team building, leadership, and job-readiness trainings along with workshops on social justice and the food system
- Maintain relationships with partner organizations and chefs
- Facilitate field trips for UFIT program and coordinate outside workshops and speakers
- Assist students at a weekly farm stand (Saturday mornings in Braddock).
- Follow all KEYS AmeriCorps member guidelines, including weekly attendance at KEYS AmeriCorps member meetings every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

## **Qualifications & Skills:**

- Experience working with students in grades 6-12 in a classroom or experiential education setting
- Experience working outdoors (special consideration given to those with farming and gardening experience)
- A balance of flexibility to deal with changing circumstances and consistency to provide stable leadership for students.
- Self-motivated, hardworking and resilient.
- Passion for Grow Pittsburgh's Mission, Vision and Values
- Experience with social justice education topics preferred
- Ability to do physical and labor-intensive work in all weather conditions for up to 4 hours
- Ability to lift and carry 30 pounds
- Access to reliable transportation to transport yourself and materials to Braddock or Homewood

## **Benefits:**

This position is a KEYS Service Corps, AmeriCorps position. The selected applicant will also have to apply and be accepted as a KEYS Service Corps, AmeriCorps member. Payment and benefits will come through AmeriCorps.

## **Equal Opportunity Employer:**

Grow Pittsburgh is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or belief. We encourage a diversity of candidates to apply for the position.

## **To Apply:**

Qualified candidates should submit their resume and cover letter to Jim Rowell at [jim@growpittsburgh.org](mailto:jim@growpittsburgh.org) no later than **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. In your email, please include the subject line **UFIT Crew Leader**.

In addition to applying with Grow Pittsburgh, candidates must also be accepted as summer members with KEYS AmeriCorps. That application can be found at <http://apps.alleghenycounty.us/keys/MemberApp.html> or by reaching out to Kimberly Ferry at [kimberly.ferry@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:kimberly.ferry@alleghenycounty.us). We encourage interested applicants to begin that application process as soon as possible.

More information about Grow Pittsburgh and the Urban Farmers in Training program can be found at [www.growpittsburgh.org](http://www.growpittsburgh.org).