



## **Seasonal Field Assistant**

Part Time position during outdoor growing season

Reports to Farm Manager

2 positions available

25 hours per week, May-October 2023

*Opportunity for additional hours per week helping with student groups*

Hourly Pay Range: \$16 - \$18

### **EquiCenter Farm**

The farm at EquiCenter grows mixed vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit on 3 acres. Our produce is used for on-site cooking classes, take-home shares for program participants, and bulk donation to hunger relief efforts. As well as a production space, the farm is a teaching and learning environment for therapeutic horticulture programs and student field trips. EquiCenter currently offers therapeutic program opportunities to veterans, school-aged youth, and individuals with a wide variety of diagnoses who value their time on the farm as a safe learning space. Assistants must be willing and able to work sensitively with participants and volunteers. Our small farm team is looking to hire two farm assistants this season to help with all aspects of diversified crop production. Assistants will also have opportunities to exercise leadership and teaching skills when working with students and volunteers. Prior experience with production growing is preferred, but we are willing to train the right person.

### **Qualifications**

- Demonstrated knowledge and enthusiasm about all aspects of vegetable production and market gardening (professional and academic experience is a plus)
- Knowledge and interest in no-till and regenerative agriculture is a plus
- Capable of managing groups of volunteers and students of different ages and ability levels

- Team player, able to roll with the ever-changing challenges of small-scale farming with equanimity and a good sense of humor
- Able to complete tasks thoroughly and efficiently with minimal supervision
- Must be able to lift 50lbs, and be comfortable working outdoors in all kinds of weather
- Willing to work some weekend hours

## **Duties**

- Arrive on-time for morning check-in/task distribution with the Farm Manager.
- Carry out farm maintenance tasks (both manually and mechanically), including but not limited to bed preparation, planting, watering, weeding/cultivation, harvesting, and beautification.
- Wash and pack produce following food safety guidelines.
- Follow record-keeping procedures, including but not limited to Harvest Logs, Tasks Calendars, and Order Sheets.
- Lead volunteers (individuals and groups) to complete farm tasks.
- Serve as an farm ambassador, guiding participants, volunteers, visitors, and donors around the farm in an inviting and informative manner.
- Assist Farm Manager in tools and equipment maintenance.
- Report materials and tool needs to the Farm Manager as needed.
- In addition to field work, as time allows, supporting Therapeutic Horticulture program activities, such as assisting with horticulture activity stations for veteran and youth groups.

Resumes and cover letters should be emailed to Farm Manager Sarah Lichtman at [slichtman@equicenterny.org](mailto:slichtman@equicenterny.org) and Director of Therapeutic Horticulture Katie Nuber at [knuber@equicenterny.org](mailto:knuber@equicenterny.org).