

Partners in the Chicago Food System Internship Program Summer 2025



Bronzeville Neighborhood Farm

Summary: The Bronzeville Neighborhood Farm values local heritage, health, and diversity. This organization strives to be a hub for healthy food, nutrition education, sustainable environmental and economic practices, and heritage awareness. Programs and projects include growing and selling nutritious, locally grown food for the Bronzeville community at reasonable prices, providing meaningful work with reasonable compensation for one or two individuals in the community, convening the community to learn about healthy food choices and lifestyles, as well as share and learn about urban sustainability in a historically underserved community.

Position Objectives :

- Assist staff in the overall maintenance and management of farm production
- Assist in harvesting, processing, sales, and distribution of products grown on site

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Participate in maintenance and ongoing production including weeding, planting, seeding, irrigation, pest control, and pruning.
- Participate in planning and executing the weekly harvest and distribution of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers.
- Participate in weekly team meetings with staff and board members
- Help with planning and managing the weekend farm stand
- Lead volunteer work including school groups and local residents.
- Engage with staff, volunteers, and visitors respectfully and with a positive attitude

Internship period: Summer 2025, Inquire with site host for specific dates

Internship location: Bronzeville Neighborhood Farm (4148 S. Calumet)

Position Hours/Scheduling:

- ~10-12 hours/week May- October, for up to 280 hours.
- Scheduling is flexible determined by Intern and Supervisor. Includes at least one weekend day

Qualifications/Requirements/Eligibility/Skills:

- Physical requirements include some heavy lifting, and outdoor field work for longer durations.
- Strong communication skills and interest in fostering a positive community environment
- Reliable and consistently committed to predetermined schedule

- Basic understanding and/or experience in small scale food production in the Midwest region, irrigation, etc.

- Personal transportation is preferable. The farm is accessible via the Green Line, but personal transportation tends to allow for fuller work days.

Learning Goals/Learning Outcomes:

- Upon completion, students will have a clear idea of small scale food production management techniques. Students will also have a unique experience to work with a diverse group of folks in the Bronzeville community centered around food justice. This experience will help the student develop a more holistic understanding and experience in food production as well as outreach and education in an underserved community.

Compensation:

- All students will be compensated on an hourly basis and will receive a paycheck every two weeks. The hourly rate is currently \$16.20.

Time off Policy:

- Time off and missing work due to illness or other conflicts need to be discussed and agreed upon before the Internship period between the Supervisor and student. In the event that a student is absent without prior communication with the Supervisor for an excessive amount of days, the student may be terminated from the position.

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