

## **Indiana University - Sustainability Development Program**

### **2019 Extern – Bertrand Farm at Good Shepherd Montessori School**

#### **POSITION SUMMARY**

The extern will be placed at Bertrand Farm located at Good Shepherd Montessori School and will be responsible for taking the lead on select initiatives and assist with sustainability projects. The extern will provide support for infrastructure development, daily management and educational programming of an urban agriculture learning center.

Duties will include:

- o Research, development and construction of conservation practices  
Daily fieldwork will include animal maintenance chores and farming practices
- o Using farm equipment including hand tools, sprayers, tillers and driving farm tractor
- o Keeping detailed records on all farm activities
- o Participation in weekly educational components may include: presentations, workshops, farm tours, and movies  
Pre-reading assignment includes: You Can Farm, by Joel Salatin, Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv, and Positive Discipline in the Classroom by Jane Nelson, Lynn Lott and Stephen Glenn. Selected articles and viewing will be assigned throughout the internship
- o Leadership roles with youth in an educational setting
- o Attend a 3-4 day bootcamp mid-May 2019

#### **Qualifications**

- High school graduate, must be 18
- Candidates should have an interest in environmental restoration, food production/organic farming or education
- Able to work hard mentally and physically; required lifting can reach 50lbs
- Tolerant of sweat, dirt, sun and rain (enjoying it is a plus)
- Able to work well as a team member and independently
- Able to work minimum of 10 weeks, start date to be determined - late May - mid August (and sign intern contract)
- Able to secure a background check

#### **Compensation**

Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning [list 10 week period starting no sooner than late May, and ending no later than mid August].

#### **Feedback and evaluation**

The intern will be given weekly feedback from site Director on progress and performance. Success in the internship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The intern should learn how an urban farm identifies its sustainability priorities, how it contributes to local food security and environmental restoration. Interns will learn about interfacing with City departments for zoning and variance

requirements. Exiting interns should gain an understanding of their power to influence cultural change that supports a more resilient local food economy.

Application instructions

To apply for this position, complete an application on the Sustain IU website. [Additional details forthcoming]. If you have questions about the program or any of the jobs available, email ISDP at [isdip@indiana.edu](mailto:isdip@indiana.edu). The application deadline is Feb. 28, 2019.



