Garden Education Program Intern

About Fresh Approach
The mission of Fresh Approach is to create long-term change in local food systems by connecting California communities with healthy food from California farmers and expanding knowledge about food and nutrition. We accomplish our mission through a variety of programs, including the Mobile Farmers’ Market; VeggieRx nutrition education classes; Collective Roots Community Garden; and the East Palo Alto Community Farmers’ Market. We believe that everyone should have equal access to healthy foods and that the health of our communities and the livelihood of our local farmers should go hand-in-hand.

Job Description
Fresh Approach seeks a motivated San Mateo County resident to provide program assistance to Fresh Approach’s education programs in East Palo Alto for winter 2022. This internship position is primarily responsible for supporting in-field operations for Fresh Approach’s multiple projects at the Collective Roots Community Garden. This position is a good fit for community members interested in the health and well-being of their communities, as well as anyone interested in local agriculture, nutrition, and community volunteering. This is a hybrid internship that will require in-person and remote work.

Primary Duties:
The Collective Roots Community Garden program seeks to foster the communal growing, sharing, and eating of fresh, local produce through programs like the Collective Gardening Network, regular educational gardening workshops. By facilitating a network of collaboration and sharing, the Collective Roots Community Garden supports community change from the ground up.

The position will help Fresh Approach in the following ways:

- Support the Collective Roots Community Garden
  - Assist FA staff with garden maintenance, compost maintenance, lead volunteer workdays, assist with set-up, break-down, assist with Garden Bed installations, and facilitation of virtual and in-person garden workshops
  - Support the development and planning of community garden projects
  - Conduct surveys with Collective Roots Gardening members
  - Assist with developing gardening and/or urban agriculture curriculum
  - Assist with developing and distributing outreach materials

Desired Qualifications:
- Demonstrated interest in community-based health, local food systems, gardening or composting highly preferred
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in the San Francisco Bay Area

● Experience working with diverse populations, including recipients of public benefits
● Ability to work in a team environment as well as independently
● Detail-oriented with ability to complete tasks in a timely manner
● Creativity and dependability
● Spanish language skills highly desirable but not required

Requirements:
● This position will require working on the weekends, early mornings, or late afternoons (workdays or events are held in the mornings and afternoons on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Some community events happen on the weekends.)
● This position requires work outside in all weather conditions
● This position requires reliable transportation within the city of East Palo Alto

Compensation:
● Gain significant experience in conducting outreach for a wide range of clients
● Opportunity to shadow employees involved in wide range of food systems work including: nutrition educators, community outreach specialists, mobile farmers’ market route managers, farmers’ market chefs, and farmers’ market managers
● Interns may be able to receive school or community-service credit
● Interns will receive an evaluation upon completion of the internship and may ask for letters of recommendation
● Additional travel beyond the intern’s commute to the office will be compensated
● Interns may be eligible to receive school or community-service credit

Timeline:
● The internship will begin in early January, depending on the Intern’s schedule, and last for 8-12 weeks. Exact dates will be determined based on the intern’s schedule. Intern is expected to work at least 8-11 hours per week.
● Applications accepted on a rolling basis

To Apply:
To be considered for this position, send a resume and cover letter in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format to volunteer@freshapproach.org.

If you are seeking the internship in order to fulfill a requirement for your degree program, please state that and include any specific requirements of your program in your cover letter (i.e. minimum number of hours required). Although this is listed as a part time internship, there may be some flexibility in order to help students meet requirements for their program.