Gibbs Permaculture Team Member

Position Title
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General Summary
The Gibbs Permaculture Team Member will work in coordination with a team of WMU students and staff to maintain and improve the Gibbs House Permaculture Research and Demonstration Site (GHPRDS). The GHPRDS is nearly two acres and features extensive annual organic vegetable gardens, 2 hoop houses, hugelkultur beds, native plantings, vermicomposting, mushroom cultivation, a perennial fruit, nut and berry orchard, a seasonal produce stand, and much more. Team members should expect to experience a supportive research and education space for developing, testing, and learning about sustainable land management practices, food production, and ecological living.

Major Duties
- Responsible for the production of crops, including the planting, weeding, cultivation, irrigation, and harvesting produce
- Attend and contribute to weekly team meetings and report on progress and project expectations
- Assist with special projects including fencing, irrigation, carpentry, and other capital projects
- Seasonal research and planning efforts
- Work on special projects as determined by the assigned site supervisor
- Submit semester project brief and deliver end of semester presentation to your peers and co-workers at the Office for Sustainability

Minimum Qualifications
- Desire to work on farm and garden related projects
- Ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team
- Detail oriented, creative, and high energy
- Self-starter and self-directed
- Ability to work outside in extreme hot or cold conditions
- Personal commitment to sustainability
- Ability to lift heavy objects 50lbs or more

Desired Qualifications
- Applied organic vegetable gardening knowledge
- Possess experience and knowledge of farm management
- Experience applying permaculture principles

Hours and Compensation
Expected commitment is 8-15 hours per week starting at $8.90 per hour.
Required Applicant Documents

- Completed Office for Sustainability application
http://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u159/2014/OfS%20Employment%20Application%20%282%29_0.pdf

To Apply
Please submit application materials to
wmu-sustainability@wmich.edu.

For more information visit the Gibbs website:
www.wmich.edu/sustainability/projects/gibbs

Note:
This description indicates the general nature and level of work performed by employees in the above job. It is not intended to be a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees assigned to the job.