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 a perennial fruit, nut and berry orchard, annual organic vegetable gardens, 2 hoophouses, hugelkultur beds, native plantings, vermicomposting, mushroom cultivation, a seasonal produce stand, and 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 of 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 open minded.
• 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 garden management.
• Experience applying permaculture principles.

Hours and Compensation
Expected commitment is 8-15 hours per week starting at $9.45 per hour.
Required Applicant Documents
Completed Office for Sustainability application:
http://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u159/2014/OfS%20Employment%20Application%2020%2029_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.