Organization Name: Global Growers Network

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Organization’s Mission Statement:

Global Growers partners with people from diverse cultures to grow fresh food for their families and for local marketplaces.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:

Since 2010, Global Growers Network (GGN) has partnered with people from diverse cultures to grow fresh food for their families and for local marketplaces. GGN builds and sustains networks of land, resources, markets, and people in order to create a more equitable food system. We envision a food system that is driven by cultural diversity, local and inclusive economies, and regenerative agriculture practices.

Our network is currently comprised of 8 farm, garden, and orchard sites across 22 acres of land in DeKalb County (including 2 in the City of Clarkston) that provide tools, equipment, and infrastructure related to food production. There are 310 families who are actively growing food with support from GGN. We prioritize our services for low-wealth grower networks who are often not reached or served adequately by mainstream agricultural resources providers. Since 2010, we have sold more than $1 million worth of fresh produce on behalf of partner farmers through local distribution channels. Collectively, our network produces more than 50 varieties of fruits and vegetables using regenerative agriculture practices that contribute positively to the health of people and the environment.

As a nonprofit social enterprise, GGN works with several types of clients, customers, and beneficiaries using a deeply collaborative approach. The ultimate goal is to seek transformative impact opportunities by developing no-cost or low-cost services that cater to low-wealth grower networks, refugee and immigrant growers, and other black and indigenous people of color (BIPOC). GGN also works with foodservice customers, government partners, other farmer services providers, and local businesses.
We are a trusted source of fresh food, a designer of resources and services for diverse audiences, and a thought leader on equitable food oriented development projects.

**Intern’s title:** Farm Education Intern

**Number of interns requested:** 1

**Internship project/job description:**

**Project/Job Background:**
The EASL internship will focus on supporting our technical assistance and market readiness program. Global Growers Network builds and sustain networks of resources in order to accomplish the following outcomes:

- OC1. Increased access to and consumption of fresh and culturally relevant food
- OC2. Increased economic self-sufficiency
- OC3. Improved capacity to navigate systems to access land, resources, and markets
- OC4. Increased opportunity to preserve and share cultural traditions
- OC5. Increased cooperation and collaboration among growers in their production and distribution systems
- OC6. Increased coalition building among local partners and stakeholders
- OC7. Increased biodiversity of land in production managed by GGN

**Project/Job Description:**
- 25% On Farm educational support of farmers at Global Growers Umurima Farm site in Decatur or at the Freedom Farmers Market on Saturdays
  - Build relationships with farmers to inform understanding of learning goals and priorities that educational activities will address
  - Learn about and contribute to their cropping systems, harvesting, and postharvest handling (i.e., prep for market)
  - Support Saturday sales at the Freedom Farmers Market and use this as a hands-on classroom for learning objectives
- 75% Support Farm Education staff in finalizing Global Growers curriculum for incubator and co-farming sites in Decatur office
  - Contribute to the development of curricular materials such as lesson plans, field trips, assessment tools, technical assistance frameworks, and program evaluation tools
  - Identify best practices to be incorporated into curricular materials and processes

**Qualifications:**
- Practiced at interacting with a variety of cultures and languages
- Experience in providing training and technical assistance to diverse learners
- Comfortable working both indoors and out in a variety of weather conditions, including the heat of summer
- Excellent communication and customer service skills
- Knowledge of local and seasonal fruits and vegetables

**Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)? If yes, please note them here:**
- Availability at least 2 Saturdays/month to support farmers (ideally available all Saturdays)

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?**

Yes, will need the ability to travel between Global Growers office, Freedom Farmers Market (at the Carter Center), and garden sites in DeKalb County

**Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?**

Bus and bicycle could be options for most but not all locations.