Wanted: Student with an interest in Edible Forest Gardens/ Food Forests!

The UD Center for Food Systems and Sustainability has made possible the installation of an Edible Forest Garden at the UD Children’s Campus. There are a significant number of new gardens at the UD Early Learning Center, located on Wyoming Road, which creates an opportunity for a student to gain experience in plant maintenance and management, edible forest gardens, youth education about where food comes from, and landscape architecture. This campus is accessible via UD buses and is a short walk from campus.

This position will be a hybrid experience, incorporating these tasks and others as determined by mentors:

1. Plant maintenance and management (including watering/ weeding/ planting/ plant health evaluation);
2. Assisting with documentation and future planning.

Student will gain experience in plant maintenance processes, landscape architecture, permaculture & food forest principals.

Students must be able to work in all weather conditions and to lift 30 pounds on a regular basis. Students must complete background checks to work in an educational environment. Estimate approximately 5-10 hours per week. Start date ASAP. Starting pay scale $10.00

Required skills:

- Highly organized
- Detail oriented
- Self-motivated
- Comfortable working independently and in a team
- Eager to share ideas and knowledge
- Responsive to team and supervisor communication
- Interest in sustainability
- Able to lift 30 pounds
- Successfully complete background check*
- Sophomore or Junior

*In order to work directly for ELC will need to complete fingerprinting and background check

Desirable:

- Experience/ coursework related to plant ID & maintenance, horticulture, permaculture, vegetable gardening,
- Experience with AutoCAD, Photoshop, and Adobe Suite,
- Experience with Google Docs, Excel and web forms.

Please send a resume and one-page letter of interest via email, including current GPA and any previous experience with garden maintenance, horticulture, early childhood education, food forests, and project management. In addition, provide names of a faculty sponsor, or external employers with familiarity of your academic or extracurricular activities who we may contact as a reference to:

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