Internship Announcement: Looking for a work-study student with an interest in Land Restoration, Edible Forest Gardening/ Food Forests and Indigenous Communities

The landscape restoration and edible forest garden project on the Lenape Ancestral Lands of the Fork Branch in Cheswold, DE provides a hands-on opportunity for a work study student to gain experience in plant maintenance and management, design of edible forest gardens, landscape architecture, invasive plant management, community engagement, regenerative design and other related topics. While Cheswold, DE is about an hour from UD’s main campus, there are many tasks that can be undertaken remotely. This position has potential to lead into the Summer Scholar full-time internship program.

This position will be a hybrid experience, incorporating these tasks and others as determined by Dennis Coker, Chief of the Lenape Indian Tribe of DE and faculty mentors, Jon Cox and Anna Wik:

1. Plant maintenance and management (including watering/ weeding/ planting/ plant health evaluation);
2. Assistance with documentation and future planning;
3. Helping to lead and organize work days;
4. Assist with outdoor seating design and installation.

Students must be able to work in all weather conditions and to lift 30 pounds on a regular basis. Estimate approximately 5-10 hours per week. Start date ASAP.

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 communications
· Interest in regenerative design
· Able to lift 30 pounds
· Sophomore or Junior
· Drivers license
· Some flexibility to work weekends, including required workdays on Sunday Nov. 7th and Nov. 28th

Desirable:

· Experience/ coursework related to plant ID & maintenance, horticulture, permaculture, vegetable gardening.
· Experience with AutoCAD, Photoshop, and Adobe Suite a plus
· 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: Anna Wik (annawik@udel.edu) and Jon Cox (joncox@udel.edu)

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