



## FALL 2015 INTERNSHIP: Community Garden Assistant

Eat Smart Black Mountain, a partnership of the Town of Black Mountain, Black Mountain Public Schools, the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden, the Carver Community Garden and volunteers like you, is excited to share this opportunity. *This position may be used to meet requirements for Service-Learning or Internship requirements from a college or university.*

- **Stipend:** This internship is an unpaid position and meets the Department of Labor's 6 criteria for unpaid internships.
- **Deadline:** Applications will continue to be reviewed as received after that date until position is filled.

**Program Description:** Eat Smart Black Mountain was created in 2007 as a community partnership to address concerns around healthy eating habits. A major component of this program is the flagship "Dr. John Wilson Community Garden." This garden has over 60 rental plots, and also has a permaculture site, a native plant trail, and over 100 fruit and nut trees. In addition, there are two other community gardens, and school gardens at two different public schools. This program also supports cooking demonstrations, gardening workshops, and is striving toward the goal that every person in Black Mountain will be able to walk or wheel to their own garden space.

**Internship Goals:** This internship will allow individuals to cultivate experience with growing food and supporting food security efforts. Interns will gain experience with gardening and growing annual and perennial foods, teaching in non-traditional settings, and organizing community-based efforts. A person in this position can expect to learn how gardening connects to nutrition, health, and food security. Interns may develop a special project to enhance or grow the gardens in sustainable ways or expand programming.

**Internship Duties:** A community garden assistant will provide hands-on support for the community garden programs. This person will be responsible for the following tasks as part of their role:

- Weekly: Assisting with gardening tasks in the annual beds and perennial spaces
- Weekly: Assisting with organizational tasks in the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden
- Weekly: Meet with supervisor
- Monthly: Participate in team meetings
- Twice (minimum): Participate in volunteer opportunity with other Eat Smart Black Mountain gardens
- Twice (minimum): Participate in volunteer opportunity with the Bounty & Soul Produce Distribution

**Time:** Weekly schedule is flexible, but must accomplish goals set by supervisor and intern at the beginning of the internship. Interns should expect to provide 5-10 hours of service per week.

**Requirements:** Individuals from any major/background are invited to apply, but should be comfortable getting dirty (literally) and engaging with a variety of individuals in public settings. Environmental, recreation, and similar majors are encouraged to consider this position. Experience with gardening is a plus, but not required. ***Ability to ask for help is necessary - along with ability to work independently.***

**Application Process:** Interested individuals may apply by sending cover letter & resume. **Cover letter should address experience with gardening and experience with regular community service.** ***We would love to hear why you are interested in this position, and what special skills, experiences, and interests you feel you bring to the internship.*** Applicants will also need to complete an employment application for background check, and pass a drug screening before taking on position.

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