

## NGO Educational Internship

Are you looking forward to engaging with children and seeing their shining eyes after a hands-on education experience at a community farm? Do you have a passion for children, education and creating an environment which allows them to “get their hands dirty”? If yes, then this internship is an exciting opportunity with the South African Urban Food and Farming Trust (the Trust), a non-profit organization of a public character, established to undertake and promote community and city farming and related activities.

One of the Trust’s established farms is the Oranjezicht City Farm (OZCF), a neighbourhood non-profit project celebrating local food and community. Established in 2012, this well-known 0.25ha community food garden is located on a heritage site on the slopes of Table Mountain on the periphery of the city centre in an historic residential neighbourhood. It is the signature project of the Trust to date.

OZCF runs a broad range of educational programmes for all ages and interests from workshops to internships, mentoring to hands-on-learning-by-doing with school groups. The approach to education for school-age children is based on the principles and practices of the Forest Schools. OZCF educators have completed their training and qualifications, and the farm is among the first organisations in South Africa to offer this innovative, holistic approach to hands-on experiential learning in a natural environment.

OZCF is also a site for innovation, developing volunteer programmes, produce box schemes, allotment rentals, household food waste composting, raised bed design and cultivation methods, food forestry, community events and water-wise gardening practices that are shared and utilised at other suitable sites and projects.

OZCF has close to 50 000 followers on social media, has published two books, benefits from over 10 000 hours per annum in volunteer time, and is recognised as a leading voice in the urban farming movement in South Africa.

## Quick Facts

**Destination:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Type of Organisation:** Community, city farming and related activities Nonprofit

**Work focus:** Facilitating learning engagements, curriculum development, creating a learning environment

**Length of Internship:** 3 - 6 months

## **The objectives of the Trust**

### **1.1 WELFARE AND HUMANITARIAN:**

Community development for poor and needy persons and anti-poverty initiatives, including -

- 1.1.1 the promotion of community-based farming to promote self-help, empowerment, capacity building, skills development and anti-poverty;
- 1.1.2 the provisioning of training, support or assistance to community-based farms; and
- 1.1.3 the provisioning of training, support and assistance to emerging community-based farms as micro enterprises to improve capacity to start and manage such farms as businesses.

### **1.2 LAND AND HOUSING:**

The provisioning of training, support or assistance to emerging community-based farms as micro enterprises to improve capacity to start and manage agricultural operations.

### **1.3 PROVIDING FUNDS, ASSETS OR OTHER RESOURCES:**

Providing community farming related public benefit organisations with:

- 1.3.1 funds, assets, services or other resources by way of donations;
- 1.3.2 assets or other resources by way of sale for a consideration not exceeding the direct cost to the organization providing the assets or resources;
- 1.3.3 funds by way of loan at no charge; and
- 1.3.4 assets by way of lease for an annual consideration not exceeding the direct cost to the organisation providing the asset divided by the total useful life of the asset

### **1.4 CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMAL WELFARE:**

The promotion of, and education and training programmes related to, environmental awareness, greening, clean-up or sustainable projects.

### **1.5 RAISING FUNDS:**

The raising of funds to achieve the objectives by, among other things:

- 1.5.1 fund raising events;
- 1.5.2 receiving donations from other foundations and trusts, government departments and/or programmes and the general public;
- 1.5.3 receiving income from land owned or held by the Trust for the purpose of promoting the objectives of the trust; and
- 1.5.4 receiving income from capital investments owned by the Trust for the purpose of promoting the objectives of the Trust

## Your Project

This Educational Internship gives you the opportunity to assist with implementation of the existing education programmes offered to children at pre-school, primary school and secondary school level, as well as facilitating “hands on” experiential learning sessions on the farm.

As an Educational Intern with the Trust you can be involved in a variety of tasks:

- Engage with the Lead Educator on a regular basis to become familiar with the different programmes and learn how to create new programmes
- Keep track of expenses and resources
- Organise the materials for educational visits - before and after
- Update the administration related to each group
- Recruit and train education volunteers
- Coordinate meetings and social events of volunteers and interns
- Be available and lead Farm tours on a regular and ad hoc basis
- Run outreach programmes with teachers
- Organise and run holiday clubs
- Support a marketing strategy aimed at bringing more school tours to the Farms
- Take pictures and video and provide other content to support communications

## Requirements

For this Education Internship, the Trust is looking for people with the following skills and experience:

- Some background on Early Childhood Development (ECD) and an interest to work with children, primarily ages 5-10
- Interest and basic knowledge of the environment and sustainability
- An interest in community development work
- A passion for the outdoors
- A flexible attitude and willingness to adapt to diverse communities
- Good written and verbal communication skills in English
- Self-motivated, detail-oriented with strong written, verbal & organisational skills
- The ability to work independently and with others
- Willingness to work on weekends from time to time
- Openness to learning and growing within the internship experience
- Minimum duration of 3 months, with a preference for up to six months



- Please note that you'll need to have your own laptop

## **To Apply**

Submit your CV and letter of motivation to [cityfarm@ozcf.co.za](mailto:cityfarm@ozcf.co.za). Be sure to include the date range of your availability. All contact and questions must be by email only to this address only.

Applications are currently being reviewed for the first half of 2020 only. However, applications received for later date ranges will be reviewed in due course, so you are encouraged to apply for dates up to mid-2021.

Applications for the first half of 2020 must be received no later than Friday 17 January 2020.