

PLANTED CHICAGO FARM ASSISTANT 2019

ABOUT PLANTED CHICAGO:

Established in 2012, Planted Chicago strives to be the leader in hyper-local, customizable, and tailored growing solutions for Chicago's culinary community and beyond. We cater to Chicago's best farm-to-table restaurants and cocktail establishments through tailored onsite edible gardens in conjunction with offering larger scale custom cultivation on our new ½ acre farm at Prairie Crossing in Grayslake, IL.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Farm Assistant will work alongside the farm manager at the Prairie Crossing farm in Grayslake, approximately 45 miles north of the city. This is a seasonal part-time position beginning Mid-April and ending in late November.

PRIMARY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Greenhouse seeding & watering
- Applying compost and other organic materials and inputs
- Erecting, maintaining, and repairing trellises and other structural maintenance as needed
- Direct seeding & transplanting in the field
- Harvesting, washing and packing produce
- Pruning, trellising, weeding and mowing
- Implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices
- Assist with bed prep, irrigation setup and watering, row covering, and end of season field cleanup
- Detailed record keeping and evaluation on a daily basis, including:
 - Plant health, observations, farm actions, and environmental conditions
 - Maintaining planting, harvest, agricultural inputs, and IPM logs

IDEAL CANDIDATE:

- Must be available to work Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, with the possibility of additional hours
- Minimum 1 full season experience working on a diversified vegetable farm or similar farm related experience
- Must be able to lift and carry 50+ lbs., bend and reach, and use farm tools in a safe and responsible manner
- Comfortable working outdoors, in all weather conditions
- Ability to follow instructions and work efficiently with an acute attention to detail and quality control
- Must possess good communication and interpersonal skills and follow instructions
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Must have reliable transportation
- Is passionate, positive, and enjoys the rewards of working with nature

OTHER DESIRABLE SKILLS (BUT NOT REQUIRED):

- Experience working with tractors or other farm machinery
- Knowledge of certified organic practices, IPM, plant diseases and deficiencies
- Knowledge of pollinators and other beneficial insects
- Background or interest in the culinary arts or hospitality industry

REPORTS TO: FARM MANAGER

COMPENSATION: COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE + FARM PRODUCE

To APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and 3 professional references via e-mail to:

Jen Rosenthal – jen@plantedchicago.com - Please indicate 'Farm Assistant Position' in subject line

No phone calls please

