



Poughkeepsie Farm Project, in Poughkeepsie NY, seeks farming interns for 2018!

Who we are and what positions we are offering

Poughkeepsie Farm Project's Internship Program provides interns with the foundational knowledge to pursue a career in small-scale vegetable production. Over the last 15 years, more than 50 alumni have graduated from our programs. Our interns work on a 14-acre farm with PFP staff to grow over 200 varieties of vegetables and fruit. We provide food for a 500 member CSA and to several local institutions while contributing to Poughkeepsie Farm Project's larger mission of working toward a just and sustainable food system in the Hudson Valley. Poughkeepsie Farm Project is proud to donate 20% of the produce grown to a number of partner social service agencies in the area.

In 2018 we're offering:

- **Three 14-week** farm internships (late May thru late August)

Educational Benefits and Compensation

Over the course of the season, interns will have exposure to a wide range of farming activities and skills including:

- Greenhouse seeding and maintenance
- Transplanting and farm bed preparation
- Crop management, pest control, and irrigation
- Harvest and CSA distribution set-up
- Managing farm volunteers and CSA member work groups
- Tractor and equipment safety

In addition, interns participate in:

- Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT) farm visits
- Focused conversations on the Politics of Food and Farming

Compensation for these positions includes:

- Hourly wage of \$10/hr (Work weeks range from 40 to 45 hours a week, depending on the time of the year)
- A produce share
- Experiential learning
- At this time, we do not provide housing. Interns may be able to acquire dorm style housing through Vassar College in Poughkeepsie.

Who we invite to apply

We seek dependable, good-natured individuals with active interests in food and farming. Applicants should have good communication skills, the ability to take initiative, and the desire to be part of an active farm community. Applicants should be able to comfortably lift 50 pounds and engage in repetitive work, in all weather conditions.

We will begin reviewing applications on October 1, 2017. We encourage applicants to schedule a visit to the farm for a tour and a chance to meet the farmers. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Leon Vehaba, Farm Director, at [leon\[at\]farmproject.org](mailto:leon@farmproject.org)