



FOODPRINTS CLASSROOM ASSISTANT (Spring 2024)

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WHO WE ARE: FRESHFARM builds a more equitable, vibrant, sustainable, and resilient food future for the region by producing innovative solutions in partnership with local communities and organizations in the DC area. We create food access, economic development, and community building through hands-on education, farmers markets, and distribution programs. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat by giving them hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking, and eating nutritious, fresh, local foods in season. We currently operate in 20 D.C. Public Elementary Schools in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and are currently seeking Classroom Assistants to support schools in Wards 4, 5, and 7.

WHO YOU ARE:

- Have completed or at least one year of college
- Have experience working with elementary age children or in a school setting and share in FRESHFARM's commitment to becoming a more anti-racist and equity-focused organization
- Able to work both as part of a team and independently
- Experience with gardening or cooking, or an interest in nutrition, local, or seasonal food preferred

WHAT YOU'LL DO: FoodPrints Classroom Assistants – including interns, federal work-study students*, and volunteers – are responsible for assisting with all aspects of the FoodPrints program. They work directly with the school's Lead FoodPrints teacher(s) for preschool through 5th grade classes. This position will support the work of the FoodPrints program at one or more public elementary schools in Washington, DC during the 2024 Spring Semester.

**Federal work-study option is only available to GW students.*

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support Lead FoodPrints Teachers in implementation of FoodPrints programming, including preparing lessons and set up/clean up
- Assist with FoodPrints classes in outdoor gardens and in indoor classrooms*
**comfort with being inside with students & other adults is necessary; masks may be required for all*
- Support FoodPrints teachers with class documentation, such as gathering anecdotes & photos
- Complete a weekly timesheet to track their hours
- Participate in training and periodic check-ins, conducted by FoodPrints' Service Learning Manager, including a mid-semester check in
 - Option to participate in additional learning and program opportunities, including cafeteria taste tests, supporting school-based farm stands, and farm/market field trips.

THE PERKS:

- Join a collaborative, diverse, & supportive team passionate about food, gardening, & sustainability
- Help us blaze the path of food education forward through our experiential approach to learning
- Enjoy opportunities to learn about the local food system and connect with other like minded individuals
- Gain professional skills to support a career in many arenas, including education, nutrition, environmental science, or sustainability

PHYSICAL & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions while upright and/or stationary for a few consecutive hours at a time

- Fully vaccinated (2 pfizer/moderna or 1 J&J) AND receive/have received a COVID-19 booster when eligible to comply with DCPS requirements; must be comfortable wearing a mask and working both indoors & outdoors if requested by the school or FoodPrints staff
- Reliable internet connection and access to a personal device to check and emails/texts daily
- DCPS Volunteer Clearance (free, valid for 2 years); FoodPrints will provide support to apply
- Ability to drive, bike, scooter, walk, or take public transportation to assigned school(s)

THE DETAILS:

- This is a **seasonal, part-time** position. FoodPrints Classroom Assistants will spend between 3-20 hours per week supporting the FoodPrints program at one or more schools. We are seeking classroom assistants interested in working one or multiple of the following shifts:
 - [Langley Elementary](#): Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Fridays from 3-6pm
 - [Truesdell Elementary](#): Wednesdays from 8:30am-12pm
 - [Beers Elementary](#): Tuesdays for a full day (8:30am-4:00pm) or half day (8:30am-12pm or 12-4:00pm)
 - [Burroughs Elementary](#): Mondays from 3-6pm; Wednesdays for a full day (8:30am-3:30pm) or half day (8:30am-12pm or 12-3:30pm)

NOTE: above school locations are most accessible by walking/biking, car, or local busses

- This position is for the Spring Semester; starting as early as February 15, 2024 through as late as June 17, 2024, with a mutually agreeable schedule
- A mandatory general and on-site orientation will take place prior to the start of FoodPrints classroom placement work
- Compensation:
 - **Volunteers:** volunteers may earn community service hours.
 - **Federal Work-Study Students:** FWS students will be paid in accordance with their award.
 - **Student Interns:** interns receiving course credit will be reimbursed for travel expenses on a monthly basis. The transit benefit covers up to \$13/day. You can be reimbursed for use of public transit, rental of scooters or bikes, or driving at the rate of \$0.655/mile for gas for roundtrip travel to/from your school for the day. We're in the process of reviewing the amount of our travel stipend given increased cost of travel.
 - **Interns:** all other interns will receive a stipend to offset transportation and living expenses; \$25 for each half-day worked (3-5 hours) or \$50/ for each full day worked (6-8 hours). Stipends are paid bi-weekly in accordance with FRESHFARM's payroll schedule and will not be affected by things like school closures, up to 2 days per semester of planned absences (communicated in advance), or days off for short-term injury or illness. Interns will not be paid for DCPS fall/spring break weeks.
- Interns and Student Interns will also have the option to participate in additional educational and professional development opportunities throughout the year.

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply for this position, please send a resume and a cover letter - which includes your weekly availability - to IbtI Vincent, FoodPrints Service Learning Manager at ibtI@freshfarm.org.
- **We are looking to hire ASAP so we encourage you to apply quickly!** Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until positions are filled.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

FRESHFARM is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to diversity and building an equitable and inclusive workplace for people of all backgrounds and experiences. **We encourage members of traditionally underrepresented groups to apply, including people of color, LGBTQ+ people, veterans, and people with disabilities.** We do not discriminate, and will take affirmative action measures to prevent discrimination against any employee or job applicant on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, disability, or veteran status in the following areas: (1) Employment, recruitment, or advertisements for employment, (2) Compensation, termination, upgrading, and promotions, and/or (3) Any other conditions of employment.