

TreeUtah Internship Spring Semester 2022

Available internships: General Intern or EcoGarden Intern

TreeUtah is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve Utah's quality of life for present and future generations by enhancing the environment through tree planting, stewardship, and education. TreeUtah has planted more than 370,000 trees with the help of over 155,000 volunteers and donors around Utah.

In service of this mission, we operate a permaculture garden at the Day-Riverside Library in the Rose Park neighborhood of Salt Lake City. This project, initiated in 2006, serves as an example of the possibilities of "forest gardening" for providing communities with food, fiber, fuel, fertilizers, and beauty. Furthermore, by utilizing principles of ecology and mimicking natural systems, the garden provides an opportunity to educate the community on the health and function of wild systems.

The EcoGarden Intern, in cooperation with TreeUtah's Planting and Education Coordinators as well as volunteers, will work to focus the educational capacity of the garden. This will include writing garden specific curricula for a variety of age groups, assisting in educational programs and workshops with local students and community members, and designing interpretive signage to be installed throughout the space. Additionally, the EcoGarden Intern will be responsible for general upkeep and maintenance of the garden. Recurring tasks will include: pruning, weeding, thinning, harvesting, mulching, guild maintenance, etc.

The ideal candidate will have interest and experience in environmental education, permaculture, community agriculture, and ecology. The candidate will be comfortable with physical labor and working outside in potentially adverse conditions. Because the scope of the project is wide, we are looking for an intern whose interests are similarly wide, who is able to work well both individually and as part of a team, and who is humble and patient. The EcoGarden is a long-term part of TreeUtah's work, so the potential for longer-term work exists if things go well.

For students more interested in helping with TreeUtah's overall mission including tree planting, education, community outreach, or other opportunities, please inquire about the general internship.

Compensation: This is currently an unpaid opportunity, however, we are contracted with the University of Utah as an off campus work/study opportunity so some University of Utah students may be eligible to be paid for their time through the work study program.

Time Commitment: Hours are flexible and we will work around your class schedule. You may be asked to work some weekends and evenings.

For questions or to apply, contact Ian Peisner, Planting Coordinator: ian@treeutah.org.