

IU Campus Farmhand

The IU campus farm seeks a dedicated and knowledgeable farmhand to assist with the establishment and maintenance of a diverse vegetable farm intent on acquiring USDA Organic certification. Work will include preparing soil, planting, solving pest/disease issues, weeding, mulching, pruning, watering, harvesting, washing, packaging and distributing produce. In addition to tending crops, farmhands will keep records, manage volunteers, lead tours, educate visitors about farm practices, and other duties as assigned. The farmhand will work closely with the farm manager and will also be expected to work independently at times. The farmhand will work 10-20 hours per week (more in the summer, less during the cooler months). The position will begin in mid-March and last until mid-August. Starting hourly rate is \$11.50 per hour.

About the farm:

The mission of the farm is to promote sustainable food systems education through research, creative activity, service, and outreach through the campus, community, and beyond. The IU Campus Farm (IUCF) combines rigorous academic knowledge, scientific inquiry, creative activity, and outreach with sustainability know-how and the energetic optimism of IU students to plant the seeds of sustainability scholarship and practice. The farm provides the campus with “Real Food” and shepherds students into satisfying, impactful careers that help to transition society towards sustainability.

Desired Qualifications:

- 2 years agricultural experience/background
- Experience using a wide variety of hand tools for vegetable production
- Experience using motorized equipment (weed eater, mower, tiller)
- Knowledge of crop production, soil biology/nutrient management, entomology, and botany
- Experience managing volunteers and/ or groups
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Attention to detail and ability to follow strict guidelines (food handling safety)

Required Qualifications:

- 1 year/season experience growing food crops
- Ability to work outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Positive attitude
- Desire to learn about sustainable agriculture

To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and list of 3 references (with contact information) to iufarm@indiana.edu.