



DINING SERVICES

Farm Manager Spring Valley Student Farm

The Department of Dining Services at the University of Connecticut has an opening for a full-time non-state, non-union, Farm Manager. Under the direction of the Executive Director of Dining Services or designee, this position serves to provide sustainable regenerative gardening expertise, education, advice, and oversight to the students living at Spring Valley Student Farm. This position provides overall direction and supervision for the growing of all crops at the Farm. The Farm Manager works collaboratively with and assists the Department of Dining Services, First Year Programs and Learning Communities, EcoHouse Learning Community, and the Department of Residential Life.

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion; competence in working with culturally and ethnically diverse populations; and awareness of how issues of difference, power, and privilege manifest in higher education environments. The ideal candidate promotes equity and inclusion by demonstrating and supporting an understanding, sensitivity, and appreciation for social justice, cultural humility, and inclusiveness.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This position is responsible for all recruiting, interviewing, and hiring of student farmers. Organizes and implements daily work schedule for farm operation; supervises, assigns duties, trains, and evaluates. Collaborates with Department of Residential Life (DRL) to ensure SVSF compliance with DRL regulations. Instructs students in business aspects of sustainable farming including accurate record keeping, invoicing, harvest tracking system and working with customers and vendors. Holds weekly meetings with all staff members. Develops yearly production plan in collaboration with DDS Executive Director, Assistant Director of Culinary Development and current SVSF students for designated Dining Services outlets. Coordinates the seasonal Farm Fresh Market with designated Dining Services representative. Collaborates with multiple UConn departments and external organizations to provide learning opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and the greater community by facilitating and instructing outreach programs, lectures, tours, senior design projects, internships and community bonding experiences. Maintains and organizes equipment, materials, tools and supply inventory related to SVSF. Manages beekeeping at UConn Apiary. Oversees maintenance and production of Eco-Garden in Mansfield Community Garden site. Works with Health Inspector to ensure food safety as necessary. Knowledgeable in GAP and FSMA food safety protocols and trains all students and volunteers in proper food safety handling protocols. Winterize fields, out buildings and equipment. Represents the department at various assigned events. Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to department to be served.
- Four or five years relevant experience.
- Working knowledge of regenerative and sustainable farm management.
- Supervisory experience.
- Knowledge of and experience with implementing the social aspects of sustainable community building including but not limited to creating and maintain positive community dynamics and facilitating group debates.
- Familiarity with research and teaching activities appropriate to the department to be served.
- Willingness to work flexible and irregular hours.
- Articulated commitment to, demonstrated understanding of and/or experience working with diverse populations. Demonstrated strong interpersonal skills necessary for effective work relationships.
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PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

APPOINTMENT TERMS: The annual salary is commensurate with experience. We offer outstanding benefits and a highly desirable work environment.

TO APPLY:

Please email your application or resume to dds-hr@uconn.edu or fax to 860-486-4276.

Or mail your information to:

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Employment at the University of Connecticut is contingent upon the successful candidate's compliance with the Dining Services COVID19 Vaccination Requirement. This Policy states that all workforce members are required to have or obtain a Covid-19 vaccination as a term and condition of employment for Dining Services unless an exemption or deferral has been approved.