



Commercial Urban Farmer Internship (x2 openings)

4250 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL.

Time commitment: 6 – 10 hours/week

Compensation: Unpaid

Duration of internship: 3 – 6 months

Description:

Metropolitan Farms is the next step in agriculture.

We will grow fresh food – produce and fish – in Chicago, for Chicago. Metropolitan Farms is pushing urban farming into the future using the latest commercial scale aquaponic technology paired with a newly built controlled environment greenhouse. Aquaponics combines aquaculture with hydroponics to grow plants and fish in a self-replenishing recirculating system. The farm is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Our vision is to consistently grow the freshest food available for the local market all year. Our mission is to demonstrate the commercial viability of large scale urban farming.

The farm is in the late construction phase. The first crops have a target harvest date of next spring. As we prepare to begin growing this winter we need to expand the Metropolitan Farms team. Join us to be at the root of this unique startup venture!

Interns:

Interns will assist the CEO and COO in all aspects of setting up and beginning farm operations. Responsibilities will include: final prep and operation of a controlled environment greenhouse and aquaponic system, fresh food marketing, implementation of SOPs, hosting tours and seminars – as well as the exciting day-to-day of a startup company. Some manual labor and “hands on” work should be expected.

Many responsibilities will draw heavily on business and science skills. A developed sense of organization and self-motivation are necessary. The ideal candidates have an entrepreneurial mindset and can visualize the progression of Metropolitan Farms’ vision.

Interns will receive an experience unavailable anywhere else. As the urban farming industry develops Metropolitan Farms will be at the vanguard. Urban farming presents a solution to the increasing risks facing agricultural production and distribution. Interns will have full access to the aquaponic system

and greenhouse. They will receive training in proprietary growing technology. Interns will gain knowledge building a profitable business based on newly innovated environmentally sustainable technologies.

Potential candidates:

Preferred majors: business/entrepreneurship, science (chemistry/biology/botany)

Skills desired: (no order) marketing, gardening/farming, fish rearing, water quality analysis, business administration, construction/trades/engineering, organization/spreadsheets, education/public outreach

Open to: Juniors, Seniors, Graduate students

Scheduling: 4+ hour shifts are preferred