

BLACK LIVES MATTER GARDEN STEWARD

Student Position

hosted by Farmers of the Global Majority

The Black Lives Matter Garden at CASFS, UC Santa Cruz, Tierra Amah Mutson, Califas, began as a response to the call of our Ancestors to continue the work of our Legacy as Black and Indigenous people to rematriate the land and to create autonomous and regenerative healing of our hearts, our spirits, our heads, ours hands and our bodies in communion with one another. The BLM garden is an honoring of and place to convene with all of our relatives lost to state and systemic violence and to gather together to set forth intentional movement around building love, joy, and solidarity with all our relatives who are still in struggle towards a sovereign future of true, collective, and self-determined Liberation. By these means and through the prioritization of Black leadership, the BLM garden has been carried forward under the stewardship of the Farmer's of the Global Majority. This year we have an opportunity to offer these stewardship opportunities as a paid student staff position.



This BLM Garden Steward position offers a unique opportunity to practice land stewardship skills in BIPOC centered space. The BLM Garden steward will gain invaluable skills in garden management, community cultivation and outreach, collaborative work, network building, and event planning and execution. * In 2021, adjustments will be needed according to the public health situation.

This position contains 3 distinct and important pieces:

- a. **Steward:** take leadership on stewarding the BLM garden, which includes weed management, crop cultivation, pruning, planting, watering, creating and maintaining educational signage, altar, light construction such as building seating and other infrastructure, maintaining pathways
- b. **Organizer:** helping plan and facilitate student and community connection to the garden through community work days, events, and more.
- c. **Knowledge weaver:** The BLM steward will play the role of supporting knowledge and narrative building around the space; documenting and archiving BLM garden history and stories, future events, attending FoGM gatherings to provide updates about the space and share avenues to get involved

Job requirements here:

- A desire to develop land stewardship skills for the purpose of maintaining and cultivating the BLM Garden space. Experience in land stewardship highly desirable, though not required
- Cultural knowledge of Black community and experience working with UCSC Black student body
- Commitment to creating a safe space that centers the goals/needs of the UCSC Black student community
- Experience in community organizing, group facilitation, and event planning
- An interest in the political, social, and cultural conditions that shape our current food system and willingness to have critical conversations around these topics
- Awareness and commitment to personal exploration of identity and personal growth
- Administrative and organizational skills for documenting BLM Garden History
- Must be a currently enrolled student

Pay Rate: \$17/hour

Hours/Week: 8 hours

Duration of Position: 130 hours total with the potential for extension.

Start: Spring Quarter

To apply:

Use UCSC ER System - <http://www.careercenter.ucsc.edu/ers/erspub/main.cfm>

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