Life Lab School Garden Internship
Delaveaga Elementary School

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SUMMARY
Delaveaga Elementary School has a school-wide Life Lab/Garden Science Program. Students experience all aspects of gardening including sowing seeds, planting, harvesting, and composting. Students learn about soil, nutrient cycling, life cycles, photosynthesis and other science standards. Our goal is to spark an interest in gardening, science, and healthy food through fun, hands-on activities.

The Delaveaga Life Lab internship involves maintaining the school garden and assisting with garden-based science classes for students grades K-5. An intern can choose to focus his/her time on outdoor education, garden projects, or both. We work around the schedule of the elementary school, so the days and times of Life Lab will be Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm. The internship times are flexible as long as the intern completes his/her hours.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in outdoor education and/or sustainable agriculture. Interns will have the opportunity to learn effective teaching techniques for an outdoor classroom and gain experience developing a sustainable school vegetable garden.

INTERN ROLES
Interns will assist in garden projects and/or teaching. Interns can create a schedule that reflects their interests and abilities. Past interns have divided their time equally between assisting with classes and maintaining the garden.

QUALIFICATIONS
Prospective interns should have an interest in gardening and sustainable agriculture and the ability to do moderate gardening projects. Interns should have the ability and willingness to work with children ages 5-11 years. Previous experience working with children is ideal, but not necessary. Former UCSC Life Lab interns are highly encouraged to apply.