

# HOMELESS GARDEN PROJECT



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**Number of interns needed:** up to 15 per quarter  
**Hours:** farm, Thursday-Sunday 9am-2pm | store, daily 12-7pm (varies seasonally)  
**Needed for quarters:** fall, spring, summer

## About the Homeless Garden Project

The Homeless Garden Project provides job training and transitional employment for men and women experiencing homelessness. The project takes place on our 3.5 acre organic farm and downtown store. Interns are asked to spend time in both locations to get a more holistic idea of our program.

We consider this internship to be quite self-directed, and as such, interns are encouraged to be proactive in setting goals and asking questions of our knowledgeable farm workers and program staff, as well as the agencies we work closely with. All interns will do a mid-quarter check in.

Tasks vary seasonally and depending on location, thus flexibility willingness to learn new things is a necessity! On the farm, interns will partake in everyday farm maintenance activities including bed clearing, planting, greenhouse propagation, irrigation, cooking, teaching, etc. In the store, they may provide administrative assistance or customer service, operate the cash register, greet in front of the store on Pacific Avenue, merchandise, tag, do inventory, help train our clients, etc.

## Prerequisites

- Attend orientation during the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the quarter (contact Keren for details)
- Complete a mid-term evaluation/survey, which can be done online.
- Have interest in sustainable agriculture and social justice
- Be comfortable communicating with diverse groups of people
- Have a willingness to try new things
- Have the ability to work in groups or alone

**All interested students should contact Keren for information about availability, orientation and scheduling.**