

Life Lab Internship – Bay View Elementary School

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SUMMARY

Bay View Elementary School has a school-wide Life Lab/Garden Science Program. In the garden, students learn garden science and nutrition. Over the school year, students will experience all aspects of gardening including sowing seeds, planting, harvesting, and composting. In their nutrition classes, students learn about organic fruit and vegetables, cooking skills and nutrition concepts. In their garden science classes, 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 Bay View Life Lab internship involves maintaining the school garden and assisting with garden-based science and nutrition classes for students grades K-5. An intern can choose to focus his/her time on nutrition education, garden projects, or both. We are looking for 2-3 interns to help maintain the school garden, initiate garden projects and assist with nutrition education. We work around the schedule of the elementary school, so the days and times of Life Lab will be Monday through Friday, ending by 4:00pm. 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, sustainable agriculture and/or nutrition. Interns will have the opportunity to learn effective teaching techniques for an outdoor classroom and gain experience developing a small, sustainable school vegetable garden.

INTERN ROLES/QUALIFICATIONS

Interns will assist in garden projects and teaching. Interns can create a schedule that reflects their interests and abilities. Past interns have divided their time equally between assisting with teaching and working on garden projects. Interns have also helped with school events, such as farmer visits and our school-wide Nutrition Olympics.

Qualifications:

- Ability and willingness to work with and teach 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.
- Interest in gardening and sustainable agriculture and the ability to do moderate gardening projects.