



Charitable Research Reserve

INTERNSHIP POSTING: Community Gardens Project Intern

START DATE: asap

END DATE: October 31, 2008

Founded in 2001, *rare* Charitable Research Reserve protects and stewards a 913-acre land reserve. *rare* aims to preserve, intact and in perpetuity, this environmentally invaluable landscape, while providing exceptional research and education opportunities that contribute to the health and vitality of our communities.

One of the many projects *rare* is currently undertaking is the *Here We Grow! Springbank Farms Community Gardens* project. This involves establishing a series of demonstration herb, vegetable, flower and native plant gardens, and setting up and maintaining community rental plots. There is a tremendous amount of work to do to create a beautiful and educational venue for community members and school groups to visit, and as *rare's* Community Gardens Project Intern, you will play a key role in establishing the above gardens.

The ideal candidate will:

- have experience being part of a team working together towards a goal
- have experience with growing vegetables, herbs and/or flowers
- have a strong willingness to learn and share ideas in a dynamic setting
- have a positive attitude and be enthusiastic and self-motivated
- be able to work independently when asked and able to take on the responsibility of giving direction and instruction to other team members (e.g. short and long term volunteers) when asked
- be highly resourceful, mentally flexible and physically fit
- be able to work in unfavourable outdoor conditions at times
- be happily willing to work long hours when necessary
- be able to identify project needs and communicate openly and honestly with co-workers and supervisors

Much of the education you will receive during your time at *rare* will be passive and self-guided. You will receive guidance and training from the project's manager, and will have access to our small library, but it is important for you to realize that the placement can only be as rewarding as you make it. There will be monthly workshops through a program called CRAFT Ontario (www.craftontario.ca) where you will have the opportunity to visit organic farms to learn about their growing and marketing techniques (most of these farms run Community Supported Agriculture programs).

For your hard work, you will be paid a modest weekly stipend, an end of season bonus, and vegetables as they are available from the gardens. Shared housing is available if necessary.

Please forward your resume and cover letter, including how you meet the above expectations and why you're interested in the internship, to Amanda Newell at adnewell@reresites.org. Thank you for your interest.