



TITLE: New Roots Youth Programs Intern

LOCATION: Oakland, CA

DURATION: 3 – 6 months

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is a leading, non-sectarian, non-profit organization providing emergency relief, protection, rehabilitation assistance, resettlement services, and advocacy for refugees and victims of oppression or violent conflict. Domestically, our 29 offices across the U.S. ensure new refugee arrivals have food, shelter, and clothing, and work with refugees to help them gain self-sufficiency.

SCOPE OF INTERN WORK

Our goal in the New Roots youth programming is to engage newcomer high-school aged youth in garden and nutrition education, as well as facilitate food and farming knowledge transfer and relationship building with the elder generation. Youth will also learn about food systems and food justice issues with a leadership-development focus. The Youth Programs Intern will work alongside youth this fall semester to participate in gardening and cooking activities, nutrition education, and pilot a newly developed curriculum.

COMMITMENT

- 15-20 hours per week plus additional hours (up to 40/week total) during 2 weeks of youth summer camp (August, specific dates TBD).
- Consistent availability weekly to support intergenerational internship program implementation.
- Start date: mid-May to first week of June.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Plan and implement weekly youth garden and nutrition activities;
- Arrange field trips and guest speakers for youth programs;
- Collaborate with the New Roots staff and community partners to adapt and develop educational materials and curriculum;
- Support fundraising efforts for the youth programs;
- Assist with the recruitment of youth and elders into the internship program.
- This intern would need to be able to think creatively and be self-directed, while also having the ability to work as a team.

REQUIREMENTS

We require that candidates have the following qualities:

- Solidly reliable with strong attention to punctuality
- Excellent communication skills (both interpersonal and with supervisors)
- Possess a great attention to detail and be truly organized
- An interest in international, refugee, food systems and justice issues.
- A minimum of 2 years of undergraduate experience or equivalent
- Experience working with youth not required but encouraged
- Experience with food systems/justice issues and facilitation skills a plus
- Proficiency in one of the following languages is highly desirable: Dari, Farsi, Arabic, Spanish.



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APPLYING:

- Submit a resume and cover letter in a single PDF at this link <https://goo.gl/nBc529>. Please address the letter to our Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Borash.

** Cover letters should clearly state your time availability, which includes 1) a specific, projected start and end date, 2) the number of hours you are available each week, and 3) the days and times in which you are available.*