



Semester/Year: Spring, Summer, Fall  
2012  
Number of Open Positions: 2

## Volunteer Job Description – Intern or Practicum Student

**Request Date:** January 2012 **Target fill date:** Immediately

**Job Title:** Urban Farm Assistant

**Objective:** Assist refugee farmers in growing ethnically appropriate and market produce

**Department:** Global Farm

**Volunteer Supervisor:** Whitney Sewell, Farm Program Coordinator

**Location:** International Institute of Saint Louis

**Time commitment:** 10-20 hours per week

**Responsibilities:** Assist refugee farmers in growing ethnically appropriate produce for their families and cultural community as well as market produce for the greater Saint Louis community and restaurants; assist the farmer in record keeping; assist farmer with volunteer interactions by providing basic interpretation when needed

**Qualifications:** multi-lingual or experience working with refugees, willing to see a job through to completion, self-motivated, outgoing, knowledge of basic agriculture practices or serious interest in learning from refugee farmers, practice in basic record keeping, grant writing skills always a plus

**Training Requirements:** General introduction to the farm program, farmers, and curriculum given by the Farm Program Coordinator

**Benefits to Volunteer:** You can expect to experience many aspects of commercial production on a farm. We believe that learning is achieved through experience thus you will have your hands in the soil, at the market, seeding flats, harvesting greens, thinning carrots, weeding the transplants, tying up the tomatoes, and dozens of other tasks over the course of your time on our farm. You will also experience the importance of building capacity to create a sustainable program. At the end of the day, you can return home both exhausted and elated that you've helped over 40 immigrants and refugees to establish their roots in the Saint Louis soil.