



Community Garden Research Intern

NourishMKE is a network of food pantries in Milwaukee nourishing the body, mind, and soul. We believe that a dependable supply of food is a means of bringing hope and dignity to our community.

As the largest food center network in Milwaukee, NourishMKE is a stabilizing force in our neighborhoods. Through our programs we strive to leverage food to build relationships and address the holistic needs of community members. We envision a more equitable world where people have enough resources to thrive. We provide encouraging spaces to select and prepare free quality foods, and explore nutrition and wellbeing. The foods are thoughtfully sourced to offer options and reduce waste. We're always looking for valuable ways to love our community, which is why we go out of our way to meet people where they're at. When we join together, we are nourished and help each other grow.

In collaboration with the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking, we are offering a part-time internship to one Marquette University student. The Community Garden Intern will split their time working between the NourishMKE food centers and completing research to implement a community garden on Marquette's campus. At NourishMKE, they will work closely with the Community Engagement Coordinator and Site Managers to learn how food pantries and food recovery systems operate, and how to successfully run a community-based project. Interns' responsibilities at NourishMKE include assisting with community gardens, hydroponics units, and composting initiatives.

Under guidance at Marquette and NourishMKE, the student will conduct research to evaluate the need for community supported gardens at Marquette. Through surveying, qualitative interviews, and research, the student will create a workable community garden model for Marquette University to implement. The ideal candidate should be committed to advancing food justice in Milwaukee. .

Work Type: Part time internship (20/per week)

Term: June 2025 - September 2025

Stipend amount: \$4,000 summer stipend, paid biweekly (about \$17 an hour)

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Lead on-site pantry sustainability projects, including hydroponic units, community gardens, and composting initiatives.
2. Assist with day-to-day food center operations, including leading volunteer groups, conducting intake, and other duties as assigned by Site Managers
3. Research and compile data on community garden models through reviewing academic literature, learning from NourishMKE community members, conducting interviews and/or surveying
4. Create a deliverable (presentation or report) to share with Marquette University stakeholders that outlines the implementation of sustainable community garden model at MU

Required Knowledge and Skills

1. Affinity with the mission of NourishMKE and the Marquette Community Gardens
2. Commitment to food justice through community-based solutions and programming.
3. Ability to comfortably engage with a diverse range of people, including volunteers, pantry guests, and fellow students.
4. Excellent communication skills.

Previous volunteer experience in food justice (gardening, food pantries) and related coursework preferred but not required. *This internship is not major-specific; students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply. Bilingual English/Spanish applicants preferred.*