



Manatee Farms

Palmetto, Florida

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About the Placement:

Detailed Placement Description

Manatee Farms is moving toward sustainable growing practices using environmental, social and economical pillars as the foundation of our model. While we currently offer locally grown products for our customers, use zero pest controls banned by WHO or US EPA, we are moving towards more grass roots efforts of water reclaim, reductions in irrigation overflow, eco-friendly pest controls and testing of organic practices on a large scale horticulture farm. Manatee Farms is located on the gulf coast of Florida only 3 miles from the beach and is managed by Robert McLaughlin former CEO of Organic Bouquet and Organic Style in San Francisco. As a pioneer in the sustainable movement in floriculture Robert sees Manatee Farms as an extension and next generation of that effort bringing together grown locally, low carbon footprint and socially conscience worker protections into the project.

Primary Production :

[Vegetables, Herbs, Flowers](#)



About the Internship

Training Hours:

40 Hours per week

Training Expectations :

Weekly training by experienced growers of plants and flowers. Training would be from seed to retail under supervision of head grower and Chief Sustainability Officer. Monday Thru Friday with occasional Saturday sessions.

On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :

Primary function would be to assist growers in various greenhouses with crop assessment, watering, fertilization and pest management. Steward would begin in the greenhouse assisting in all aspects of farm management from the ground up. Next level of training would consist of crop management using technology and software currently being deployed to help greenhouse operate more efficiently. Steward would assist Sustainability officer with development of its native species program, culinary edibles, butterfly and bee species projects.

Climate and Location Description

Location is rural and weather is tropical in nature with average high temperature rarely below 74 degrees.

Compensation :

Free housing not available, but have or can help find affordable housing.



Accommodations and amenities provided :

Palmetto, Florida enjoys a low cost of living and we would help find appropriate housing.

Preferred start date :

flexible

Preferred length of internship :

12 months
