



**Teaching Small Farms/Garden Assistant**  
**Fall 2021**

*(potential for further employment during winter-fall 2022)*

UI Extension in Teton County, Driggs, ID 83422

**Title:** University of Idaho Extension, Teton County Teaching Small Farms Assistant

**Job Overview:**

The assistant will participate in small farms and food systems programming at the new UI Extension teaching farm & garden in Tetonia, ID and Community Garden in Driggs, ID. The teaching sites will include a diversity of vegetables grown for the purpose of offering learning opportunities to new and beginning farmers, backyard gardeners, and anyone interested in vegetable crop production. Harvests from the garden will be donated to local food banks/service organizations. They will assist with development of garden infrastructure, class administration, and general maintenance of a small vegetable garden. The ideal candidate will have some experience with vegetable gardening and be very reliable.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Work with supervisor to develop farm plan including but not limited to: quantity and varieties of plants, greenhouse seeding and watering schedule, harvest schedule, produce marketing, and general farm management
- Perform duties around crop production including: sowing, thinning, transplanting, pruning, pest and disease management, weeding, irrigation, and project management
- Keep accurate records of pests, diseases, and produce harvested
- Assist with administrative activities associated with classroom instruction
- Aid students in obtaining knowledge of sustainable gardening and farming production
- Assist in the marketing and recruitment of classes
- Assist the Teton County Educator with other miscellaneous teaching farm tasks as they arise.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ability to provide reliable transportation
- Pass a criminal background check

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Ability to lift 40 lbs. and kneel, stand or bend for long periods of time

- Ability to work outside in all types of weather (heat, rain, wind, cold, etc.)
- Experience with drip and/or sprinkler irrigation
- Ability to pay attention to detail and have a desire to learn the basics of a small farm system
- Have good communication skills and be a self-starter, the ability to ask for help/clarification when needed and accept constructive feedback on work and technique
- Ability to communicate with public in a professional and positive manner during marketing of classes
- Be willing and able to do repetitive, time-consuming, and detailed work (in the field and on the computer)
- Ability to work with others and lead work crews of volunteers and students

**Wages/Benefits:**

- Hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour

**Approximate Work Dates:**

- Part-time beginning August 2021 – through harvest; office and classroom assistance over late fall and winter 2022. Hours are negotiable but assistant will need to be available to insure proper irrigation and communication with county staff.

**Questions:**

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