



Position Description for Farmhand for 2021 Season

ACRES (Agricultural Community Resources for Everyday Sustainability) Student Farm is the University of Wyoming's 1.8 acre vegetable farm that is community-oriented, volunteer-based, and student-run. ACRES grows its produce using sustainable methods and strives to support and promote local agriculture. The Student Farm additionally provides educational and research opportunities for the Laramie and University of Wyoming communities. For the Summer of 2021, ACRES is seeking to hire one farmhand to assist the farm manager with daily farm activities. The position may be used as internship credit with the University of Wyoming.

Time Frame: The position will run from May 17, 2021 until September 30, 2021. Dates are somewhat flexible.

Compensation: Compensation is **\$10/hr**, with potential for a higher rate of pay, at **30 hours per week during the summer** (14 weeks) and approximately **10 hours of work per week during the beginning of the academic year** (4 weeks).

Requirements:

- Must be able to commit to working the entire 2021 season (May-September)
- Must be a current UW student, recent UW graduate, or plan on attending UW in the future
- At least 3.0 GPA
- Valid driver's license
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 20 lbs on a regular basis
- Ability and willingness to do physical work such as digging and weeding
- Ability to work in various weather conditions
- Ability to listen well and follow instructions
- Ability to work in a community with a team of workers and volunteers, as well as the ability to work independently
- Commitment and dedication to the success and prosperity of ACRES farm
- Passion for sustainable farming
- Ability or willingness to learn how to operate farm equipment such as weedeating,

mowing, and rototilling

- Small scale organic gardening experience (preferred)
- Familiarity and experience with the operations and mission of ACRES farm (preferred)

Expected Duties:

- Assist the farm manager and other farm employees with daily farm tasks. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Seeding, transplanting, and watering
 - Weeding
 - Harvesting for CSA shares
 - Compost maintenance
 - General farm upkeep and maintenance
- Report and record hours worked at ACRES
- Maintain a positive attitude and strong work ethic throughout the entire course of the summer
- Attend and participate in weekly ACRES meetings
- Water and care for specialty crops such as apples under guidance of manager

NOTE: It is mandatory for all ACRES employees to disclose their other planned summer activities at the time of hiring (i.e. vacation plans, other jobs, school obligations). This will allow for efficient planning and scheduling of farmwork.