



**Sol Patch Garden Internship & Volunteer
Environmental Resource Center
SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY**



The Environmental Resource Center of the Cesar Chavez Student Center focuses on increasing sustainability through projects, policies, and education/outreach. Our team works towards promoting zero waste, educating students on various social justice and environmental issues through environmental events/ workshops, providing sustainability resources for students on campus, and incorporating sustainable improvements into the operational functions of the university's many processes. The internship program is critical to achieving sustainability within the student center and throughout campus.

The Sol Patch Community Garden, located behind Mary Park Resident Hall, was created in 2007 in a collaborative effort between the Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students (ECO Students) and the University Grounds Facilities. The small grove contains seven raised beds, a collection of herbs, native and ornamental plants, composting, fruit trees, and more! The garden's goal has been offering students a space to practice urban gardening techniques and connect to the earth while providing the campus community with fresh produce! After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sol Patch was revived and began delivering produce to Gator Groceries in the Spring of 2022 (although we are currently not doing this at the moment). The garden continues to connect different aspects of campus through partnerships and projects. This enriches the college experience for students and embeds the garden in SFSU culture. However, there is still a lot of work to be done and the team is looking for 2 individuals who have gardening experience, or have a desire to learn.

INTERNSHIP

NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 2

TIME COMMITMENT:

50 Hours Minimum per semester

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Sol Patch Interns are to support the Sol Patch Coordinator in their role. Time is split between the Sol Patch Garden and other ERC activities. Sol Patch activities include garden maintenance: weeding, watering, planting, and harvesting, working with campus and community partners, speaking at the garden and other locations about the benefits of urban gardening. Other tasks will include helping to coordinate events, and outreach efforts to promote Associated Students programs and services.

*****This is an UNPAID position*****

General Function:

1. Assist in routine maintenance in the garden and greenhouses.
2. Develop and facilitate workshops to share gardening skills with fellow students.
3. Organize and host events to promote ERC projects.

Learning Objectives:

1. Gain a working knowledge of gardening and seed propagation for edible and perennial plants.
2. Conduct research using Extension Universities or other reputable sources for educational programming for university students.
3. Develop communication skills including outreach, public speaking, and event planning.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a student at San Francisco State University
- Must be passionate about environmental sustainability, waste management advancements, and education/outreach.
- Must have an interest in gardening.
- Proficient with Google Applications and Microsoft Suite
- Must be able to attend other events and projects that are not just Sol Patch, but for ERC

TO APPLY:

Apply with your resume, (preferably) cover letter, and personal availability (Monday-Friday) and send to ercdirector@asi.sfsu.edu, and please cc the Sol Patch Garden Coordinator at spgc@asi.sfsu.edu.

Note: please specify whether you are applying as an intern, or are interested in being a volunteer

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to email [ERC Director](#) or DM us on Instagram, [@as_erc_sfsu](#)