



Floral Production Internship

Are you interested in learning about floral production, or do you just enjoy the simple beauty of flowers? The Sustainable Agriculture Project at GVSU offers rewarding internships that expose students to practical, hands-on knowledge while encouraging creativity.

Position Summary:

The Floral Production Intern will learn how to sustainably manage the floral gardens at the SAP. The successful applicant will research sustainable floral farming systems and document research and findings in detail. The intern will also implement changes to improve the GVSU floral market and floral yield and diversity, fostering an understanding of sustainable food systems.

Qualifications:

- ➔ Commitment to fully utilize the internship as a learning experience
- ➔ Tolerant of working outside in all weather conditions
- ➔ Preference will be given to Art majors, but all majors are welcome to apply

Special Project Opportunity:

Interns will have the opportunity to pursue independent research projects to enrich their academic experience, such as:

- Improving floral systems in harmony with greater ecosystems to increase sustainability at the SAP
- Researching solutions to pollinator loss
- Boosting floral growth sustainably
- Expanding outlets for floral design/arrangements
- Developing markets on campus
- Exploring delivery program models and useful strategies

- Other projects are possible depending upon the intern's interests

Interns Will Learn to:

- ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the complexities and approaches of sustainable food systems
- ❖ Recognize the impact of barriers to food access in our community
- ❖ Successfully manage volunteers
- ❖ Describe the importance of agriculture in the economy
- ❖ Recognize systems thinking and/or design thinking in processes
- ❖ Follow all appropriate food safety procedures



- ❖ Analyze the strengths and limitations of small-scale farming
- ❖ Apply appropriate tools and technology for sustainable agriculture