



Green Dining Student Staff Opportunities: Fall 2016

Are you passionate about composting? Waste reduction? Local and sustainable food? Gardening? Conservation? Urban agriculture? Working with your fellow UMD students? Then, we are looking for you!

UMD Dining Services Green Dining is seeking student staff members to assist with the Green Dining Program. The position runs during the academic semester and offers \$9.25 per hour.

Learn more about Green Dining here: <http://dining.umd.edu/sustainability/>

Green Dining Student Staff will assist with the following projects and assignments:

- Support Green Dining “Leave Small FOODprints” program through research of the carbon (and water) footprint of food offerings
- Research and draft purchasing guidelines for food products based on Dining Services’ Sustainable Food Action Plan and Commitment
- Review Dining Services purchasing records and learn more about where the food served on campus comes from & present findings to the Sustainable Food Committee
- Promote and educate the UMD community about dining sustainability efforts through fliers, logos, brochures and content for [Dining Services Green Dining website](#)
- Update and contribute to Green Dining social media including facebook, twitter, and blog
- Support dining and campus sustainability programming, such as Food Day and Earth Day
- Support other Green Dining programs and initiatives through research, and the creation of supporting documentation.

Student staff will work a minimum of 10 hours per week throughout the semester. Student staff members are encouraged to commit two semesters to the Green Dining Program, extending through the Spring semester. Student staff members are required to track activities with weekly status reports.

Qualifications: Qualified applicants will have strong analytical skills and attention to detail. Verbal communication and organizational skills are also essential. Familiarity with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) is required. Experience with social media, blogging, graphics design and Prezi are a plus.

Prerequisites: Qualified applicants must be current University of Maryland graduate or undergraduate students with at least sophomore standing. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is recommended. Student staff members are expected to have a strong interest in sustainability, a



professional work ethic, and a desire to make the campus more sustainable. In addition, student staff must be disciplined and self-motivated as they will take the lead on their own projects. Students in all majors are encouraged to apply.

Student staff members are required to have a demonstrated commitment to campus sustainability and service initiatives. Previous volunteer experience with campus programs and groups is required. Please describe this experience in your application. Examples of campus programs include the Sustainable Food Committee, campus vegetable gardens, Office of Sustainability, Recycling Program, Food Recovery Network, Farmers Market, Campus Arboretum, and more. Relative service projects conducted off-campus will be considered.

Internship Credit: Academic credit is available for this position. Students must talk with their academic advisor to see if internship credit is available through their academic department for this internship. If credit is not available through the student's home department, internship credit may be available through other departments. Students must satisfy the specific internship requirements of the supporting academic department to earn credit, which typically involve 120 hours of work and a significant writing assignment, in addition to an Activities Log and a Letter of Evaluation from the on-site supervisor. Students are responsible for covering the tuition-related implications of pursuing an internship. The Department of Dining Services will not pay for course credits.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume (including two references), and two writing samples to alilly@umd.edu. Please write "Dining Services Student Staff" in the subject of your email.

The one-page cover letter should address the following questions:

- Why do you want to be a Dining Services Green Dining student staff member?
- What are your qualifications for the position?
- Describe your previous experience with campus service and/or sustainability programs/projects.
- What specific ideas and goals do you bring to this position?
- What are your plans for after graduation?

For best consideration submit applications by May 11th.