



Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic AmeriCorps VISTA 2022-2023 UMD Terp Farm Call for Applications

The UMD Terp Farm is seeking applicants for a 2022-2023 Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic AmeriCorps VISTA position. The Terp Farm is the University of Maryland (UMD's) sustainable, vegetable farm which serves as a living laboratory - a place of learning and teaching about agriculture, food, health, and the environment. Terp Farm grows vegetables with the help of students and donates a portion of each harvest to those in need in our community. After successful completion of its pilot seasons, the Terp Farm is seeking the support of CCMA AmeriCorps VISTA for three years to establish a produce gleaning program and build the capacity for meaningful connections with the broader community. Terp Farm will turn its focus to the social dimensions of sustainability: fighting hunger, empowering low-income youth and adults, fostering community, and advancing leadership skills.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Establish the UMD Produce Gleaning Program working with partner agencies and UMD stakeholders
- Build capacity for the Terp Farm to serve as a resource for community and off-campus collaborations
- Empower students and community members with leadership and food system training
- Develop comprehensive program manual and training modules
- Meet with and gather feedback from stakeholders on campus and in the community
- Assess the project as it happens and be able to make adaptations and corrections as needed
- Participate as an active member of the UMD Terp Farm team

This is a 12-month Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic (CCMA) AmeriCorps VISTA position that begins on July 1, 2022. This position reports directly to the Assistant Director of New Initiatives for Dining Services at the University of Maryland.

Qualifications: Minimum qualifications include Bachelor's Degree and a valid driver's license (with a maximum of six points). Qualified candidates will also have good people skills, be able to communicate well both verbally and in writing, and have experience farming. Qualified candidates must be self-starters with strong analytical skills and attention to detail. Familiarity with farming, food safety, nutrition, emergency food, and social justice issues is important. A



commitment to inclusion and experience working with diverse populations, including people of color, women, and LGBTQIA individuals is essential. Preferred qualifications would include experience working with project management, marketing, nonprofit agencies, and/or technology (such as website and smart application creation as well as social media).

To apply:

1. Submit application to AmeriCorps:
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=94206>
2. Send resume, cover letter, and names and telephone numbers of three references to:
terpfarm@umd.edu

Please see the UMD Terp Farm website for more information about the program:
<http://terpfarm.umd.edu/> and direct questions to the UMD Terp Farm at terpfarm@umd.edu or 301-314-8054.

For Best Consideration, submit application materials by April 17, 2022.

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