Urban Garden Outreach Team: Lead Gardener Apprentice
Not to exceed 550 hours
March 1 – October 31, 2015
Hours to be determined, may include evening and weekend hours

Main Areas of Responsibility
Work with Lead Gardener to learn the processes of establishing and maintaining exceptional gardens for the Children’s Garden in Residence program to occur. The Gardener team is responsible for establishing, maintaining, and oversee management of Arboretum Urban Outreach gardens at the same level of horticulture as on-site gardens at the Arboretum. Garden Apprentice will learn on the job from the Lead Gardener through working alongside during spring preparation and then through weekly Check ins after the gardens have been fully established and the Children’s Garden and Residence is underway. Specific activities include site prep, purchasing transplants via contracts with growers, ongoing assessment and response to garden/plant needs throughout the growing season, preparing gardens for winter, and purchasing supplies. Establish and maintain successful lines of internal communication with Arboretum staff. Liaison with the Arboretum Volunteer manager to recruit, train and retain a group of volunteers to assist in this work. Work with community partner organizations to work on access to the garden, produce harvest protocol after Children’s Garden summer program is complete and dates for putting the gardens to bed in the fall.

Required Experience
● One year extensive garden management experience
● Post-secondary degree or significant coursework in horticulture
● Extensive knowledge of vegetable and ornamental annual plants well adapted to Minneapolis Metro area climate
● One year experience supervising work teams of staff and/or volunteers in a garden or horticulture related business
● Strong interest in contributing to the mission of the Arboretum Education Department; Connecting people with the importance of plants in their lives

Desired Experience
● Established network of contacts with local whole greenhouse and garden supply industry
● Experience working in diverse cultural settings

Report
This position reports to Manager of Youth Education

Pay and hours
● This is a seasonal, part time position, not to exceed 550 hours between March 1 and November 30, 2015
● The pay range for this position is 12.50 – 20.00 per hour
Background Check
This position involves working with children and young adults, and requires completion of a successful background.

This position is open until filled