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Boston Medical Center Rooftop Farm Internship Positions

- Internship for 2021 Mid May-Mid September (flexible start/end dates)
- 12 hours a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 positions available
- Payment: \$16/hour plus free weekly farm produce

Three stories up, on Boston Medical Center's south end campus, is a thriving 2,658 square foot [farm](#) with more than 20 crops and three bee hives. In non-Covid times the farm provides fresh, local produce to the hospital's patients, cafeterias, [Teaching Kitchen](#), in-hospital farmers market and [Preventive Food Pantry](#), and is also part of BMC's commitment to going green. The farm reduces the hospital's carbon footprint, increases green space, and reduces energy use, including the energy required to transport food.

This internship is a rare opportunity for 2 individuals to learn the ins and outs of operating a rooftop farm for a hospital. The interns will be involved in all aspects of farm operations including harvesting produce, planting, seeding, soil health monitoring, and assisting on any new projects that may arise. This internship will not have a classroom/didactic learning portion to it but will instead be an opportunity to learn through doing the work. There will be ample time for questions and learning on the farm from the Farm Manager, who will be working directly with interns.

Duties will include:

- General organic farm work: planting, seeding, pruning, pest control/monitoring, harvesting, soil amendment/bed prep and composting.

Interns will gain:

- Organic farming skills and knowledge.
- An understanding of the unique aspects of urban, rooftop farming at a hospital.
- Experience in beekeeping

Farming experience is not required but preferred. Interns must be able to lift 30 lbs and be prepared to work outdoors in all weather, including rain and high heat.

COVID Notice:

All workers and volunteers on the farm are required to wear a mask at all times, and disposable gloves when harvesting. On the farm, we will practice social distancing and follow all COVID protocols put forth by the hospital. Interns will not be required to enter the hospital, the farm manager will deliver all produce to the hospital. The farm building is a non-patient building and is not open to the public. All tours and educational activities for the public will be virtual.

Application Process

Due to a high volume of interest, please only inquire if you are available on the days mentioned Tuesdays and Wednesdays and are able to perform the physical tasks of the farm. Please send a resume/credentials to Lindsay Allen, lindsay@highergroundrooftopfarm.com