



## Internship for CSU Environmental Science Student

About CIPTT: CIPTT is a 501 (c)3 public charity that owns and runs an intergenerational garden at E. 39<sup>th</sup> street and Community College Ave. E. 39<sup>th</sup> Community Garden grows and distributes free of charge, produce and herbs that help residents manage chronic illness. We hire interns who have special challenges and provide internship and entrepreneurial opportunities in horticulture. We are currently engaged in an ecosystem mapping for a circular economy at the garden to make it self-sustaining, utilizing all plant material. The garden has 12 raised beds and a rain capture system, utilizes solar power, does not use chemical pesticides, and houses a permanent art display that has rotating art exhibits from residents. Residents are also invited to forage edible weeds and herbs. For more information on our garden activities, see a video of [Summer Leadership Activities](https://vimeo.com/575618666/825280055c). (July 15, 2021)  
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Mission: The Mission of the E. 39th Community Garden is to “Empower Wellness in Central Together,” and provides produce, herbs, a pollinator and honey bee habitat providing healthy options for persons with chronic illness, and grows jobs and entrepreneurship skills in horticulture for both post-graduate and East Tech High School (ET) students, disabled and low-income, ages 14-20. We are currently engaged in an ecosystem mapping for a circular economy at the garden to make it self-sustaining, utilizing all plant material.

Project Goals: The Goal for this Project is threefold: 1) To design and implement an expanded rain capture and distribution system at the garden that will provide water from 6 water barrels located at the rear of garden site to 12 raised beds situated throughout a site that is 125 ft deep; 2) To develop a plan for allowing residents to grow their own produce in 7 beds of different sizes, that accompanies 5 beds allocated for growing greens, peppers, eggplant, squash, and cucumbers for public distribution through OSU Summer Sprout Program; and 3) To enhance the aesthetic of and navigation around the garden site.

Qualifications: Students should have completed at least one year in a major/minor in environmental science with an interest in community gardening and creating a circular economy with composting, and seed extraction of sunflowers. The person needs to be self-motivated, able to work as part of a team, who can manage a 3-person crew to implement the project goals. They also need to understand how to plan and organize a garden operation that is community-driven. Interest in and some experience in gardening or rain distribution is desirable. Technical knowledge in a gravity driven rain capture system is preferred.

Compensation: \$1,500 for up to 8-10 hours/week from May 15 - August 15, 2024 (independent contractor)

Deadline: April 1, 2024 (will interview until position filled)

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