



## Agricultural Specialist

Trellis for Tomorrow is an 18-year-old organization that delivers experiential programs in organic gardening, environmental stewardship, and food security that provide practical and behavioral life skills for youth and adults. Our aspiration is to foster compassion and resilience in people and inspire them to build sustainable communities.

### Organizational Overview

Trellis provides programming for youth and adults that addresses food insecurity and community sustainability. Our programs help participants cultivate unique work and life skills while they address real and pressing needs in their local community. Trellis currently offers five distinct programs for youth and organizations.

For youth age 13-25, we offer:

- Youth Seed Enterprise, a youth led garden and food insecurity program
- Youth Environmental Stewardship, a land conservation and career exploration program
- Youth Leadership Extension, a local internship connection program, and
- Tempus, a conference about entrepreneurship

Organizations and corporations can partner with Trellis through our Food for All program, an innovative and sustainable approach to addressing hunger in our region through local gardens.

Our Core Values are:

- We are forward thinking and optimistic
- We care deeply for our planet and all who live on it
- We believe we are all connected
- We strive for justice for all
- We accomplish more by partnering
- We believe in lifelong learning and the power of experiences

### Job Description

The agricultural specialist is part time position that comprises both planning and hands-on work in support of the agricultural components of Trellis programs. Primarily this role is situated in our Food for All (FFA) program, an innovative community program to address food insecurity in our region but will also make significant contributions to the Youth Seed Enterprise (YSE) program.

The agricultural specialist will work together with the agricultural manager to ensure healthy crops in our many partner gardens sites, through guided plantings, garden checks, troubleshooting and education. This role is comprised not only of planning and logistical components, but “outward facing” ones as well, and the agricultural specialist will need to comport themselves in a way that represents Trellis well and nurtures our community relationships.

Agricultural Specialists are excited about organic agriculture and the potential for developing a more localized and sustainable food system. Strong candidates will have an open mind, an upbeat, positive attitude, high energy, and have a good sense of humor.



### Primary Job Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Support the planning and implementation of garden builds, plantings and site visits in consultation with the agricultural manager and senior program director
- Periodically deliver agricultural education to youth and adult participants of FFA and YSE and other Trellis programs
- Support the evolution and advancement of Trellis agricultural programming, including research and application of best practices as well as innovations in the field for improvements in our work
- Assist in the delivery of surveys and evaluations to measure program impact

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 1-2 years' experience (at least part time) in farming/agriculture; an understanding and experience with organic agriculture is strongly preferred
- Strong organizational, strategic, and time management skills, attention to detail and accuracy
- Strong verbal communication skills
- Able to work as a team on projects; yet independent enough to prioritize and work without supervision
- Capacity for problem solving and willingness to come up with creative solutions
- Flexibility/adaptability and a willingness to "pitch in" where needed
- Ability to provide and receive honest, supportive feedback
- Alignment with Trellis Core Values

### REQUIREMENTS

- Driver's license and a clean driving record
- Ability to perform physical garden work/tasks (lifting/bending) outdoors in various conditions (hot, humid, rain, etc.)
- Clear FBI & state criminal background checks and child abuse history clearances
- Professional references (at least two)

Pay is hourly and commensurate with experience.

*Trellis for Tomorrow is an Equal Opportunity Employer – Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply*

**Send Questions and/or Resume and Cover Letter to [dryle@trellis4tomorrow.org](mailto:dryle@trellis4tomorrow.org) with the subject line "Agricultural Specialist".**