

**BATTERY URBAN FARM
PART TIME EDUCATOR, SPRING 2018 (MARCH 28 – JUNE 19)**

The Battery Conservancy is seeking enthusiastic individuals with teaching and farming experience to join the 2018 Battery Urban Farm (BUF) team for the spring season.

The Battery Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing The Battery, the 25-acre public park located at the southern tip of Manhattan. The Battery is at the forefront of sustainable urban park planning and organic horticulture. Battery Urban Farm, started in 2011 and is the first farm in downtown Manhattan since the Dutch planted theirs in 1625. The educational programs engage elementary, middle, and high school students, as well as local community groups and individuals, in a hands-on experience of organic farming. BUF produce is donated to schools that participate in farm programming and non-profit partner Drive Change. Battery Urban Farm includes a vegetable farm, forest farm, 4 oyster gardens, and an extensive composting program.

The Educator position is part-time for the spring season with the possibility of extension into the summer and/or fall seasons. Applicants should have experience working on small farms and in youth education, and should be comfortable working outdoors and with students of various ages and diverse backgrounds. Educators will assist in teaching educational programs on the farm and throughout The Battery and in general maintenance on the farm.

Schedule: March 28 – June 19

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (21 hours / week)
- Shift in work day on June 19 for a major annual event
- One weekend day, TBD

Responsibilities:

- Lead lessons, tours, hands-on activities, and other programming for visiting classes and families
- Lead students through all aspects of farm maintenance: planting, harvesting, weeding, composting
- Assist in developing creative lesson plans and material for all classes
- Serve as a friendly ambassador for The Battery
- Assist in other tasks, such as staffing events, for The Battery Conservancy

Qualifications:

- Availability as detailed above
- Bachelor's or Associate's degree in a related field OR
- Related experience in youth education and/or small-scale farming
- Experience leading inquiry-based, hands-on activities for students K-12
- Creativity and initiative with strong communication and organizational skills
- A passion for urban farming and farm-based education
- Additional language skills a plus
- Ability to crouch, bend, squat, use hand tools such as shovels and rakes, and lift up to 40lbs

Compensation: \$20/hr

Please send a cover letter and resume to education@thebattery.org, with "EDUCATOR" in the subject line. No phone calls please. **Deadline for receipt of applications is midnight on February 18.** The letter should include details of your availability and an explanation of your relevant experience. The Battery Conservancy is an equal opportunity employer.