

Terp Farm Volunteer Application Form 2016-2017

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Terp Farm!

What is a Terp Farm volunteer? Terp Farm volunteers support the Terp Farm Team with tasks outlined during their assigned volunteer hours. Please see the position description attached for more details. Terp Farm volunteers apply to help out at Terp Farm and commit to a consistent unpaid volunteer schedule for a minimum duration of one-semester. Volunteers are required to provide their own transportation to & from Terp Farm and agree to follow all procedures & protocols out on the farm.

How do I apply to be a Terp Farm volunteer? Please fill out the questionnaire below and submit it, along with your resume to alilly@umd.edu. Applications will be reviewed by the Terp Farm Team. Selected volunteer applicants will be asked to visit the farm for an in-person interview. Volunteers will be selected based on availability, a collaborative and “can-do” attitude, and skills (plus willingness to learn).

Want to come to the farm for a day, take a tour, or schedule a group visit? If you are interested in a short term Terp Farm experience, tour, or group visit to the farm, please contact Allison Lilly at alilly@umd.edu or find opportunities listed on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/terpfarm>). Also note that classes in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as well as other colleges on campus, schedule coordinated visits to Terp Farm. If you want to learn more about scheduling a class visit, please contact Allison Lilly at alilly@umd.edu.

Name (First Last): _____

UMD Affiliation (circle one): Undergrad Student / Grad Student / Staff / Faculty / Other

Major (if applicable): _____

Number of hours available per week: _____

Semesters available (circle one): Fall 2016 / Winter Term 2017 / Spring 2017

Please describe your availability to volunteer at Terp Farm:

Why are you interested in volunteering at Terp Farm?

What do you hope to learn during your experience at Terp Farm?



Position Description: Terp Farm Volunteer

The University of Maryland Department of Dining Services, in collaboration with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources manages “Terp Farm”, a University of Maryland sustainable farming operation located at the University’s Upper Marlboro farm facility. Terp Farm offers four-season vegetable production for Dining Services and provides produce to food-insecure members of the campus and College Park communities. The goal of the project is to create a successful farming operation that may be expanded to further meet the food supply needs of Dining Services in alignment with the Sustainable Food Commitment, adopted in 2012 by the Department of Dining Services. The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources committed two acres at the Central Maryland Research & Education Center – Upper Marlboro facility for Terp Farm, located 15 miles from the College Park campus. Terp Farm integrates coursework from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to ensure students benefit from this extraordinary new campus program and are able to get their hands dirty in farm operations.

Terp Farm Volunteers must provide their own transportation to the farm (2005 Largo Rd., Upper Marlboro MD). Volunteers may perform any of the following tasks, with supervision from the Lead Agricultural Technician:

- Production
 - Field preparations including tilling, fertilizing, irrigation and mulching
 - Set up, testing and maintenance of automated irrigation system
 - High tunnel operations
 - Vegetable production from seed starting to post-harvest handling (including planting, pest identification and management, harvesting, washing, packing, etc.)
- Infrastructure
 - Installation of high tunnels, as needed
 - Set up of post-harvest handling area
 - Set up of storage area
 - Basic maintenance of tools and machinery
- Recordkeeping
 - Assist with maintaining log books for maintenance and farm operations
- Farm site maintenance
 - Installation of pollinator gardens
 - Weeding

Physical Demands/Work Environment:

- Heavy lifting
- Extreme weather conditions
- Working environment may have allergens—dust, mold, grasses etc.
- Hazardous materials
- Wear and work in personal protection equipment
- Occasional work must be performed beyond normal work hours due to weather and other factors

