

Internships at PEACE Farm

How does it work?

We work with an exchange model where we provide:

- Tailored on-the job training to suit each individual participant.
- Hands-on work experience, based on the seasonal needs of the market garden and related farm work.
- Access to resources (books, planning and information documents)
- Individual coaching to help participants connect and manifest their future lifestyles and livelihoods.
- Comfortable accommodation and 3 meals a day (optional)

In return we ask for:

- 6 hrs work* 5 days a week (Full time) or 2-3 days a week (Part time)
- Self motivation
- Assistance with animal care, food preparation and general farm duties (see below)
- To own your own working boots, hat, gloves, rain jacket, torch, waterproof pants and suitable outdoor working clothing.
- To bring an open heart and willingness to work within the demands of a small farm enterprise.

*Please note: the nature of the farm work does require a level of fitness and strength as some duties can be physically demanding.

General Duties include:

- Helping with morning animal routine (Chickens, goats, cows)
- Helping with at least one meal preparation a day
- Assisting with general day to day cleaning and maintenance

Accommodation and Food: (Optional)

We have two caravans which can accommodate up to 4 people and some rooms available in the house. We have a basic wwoofers/intern kitchen, where meals can be prepared. Wwoofers and Interns usually share one daily meal with the host family. We appreciate if you can let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. PEACE Farm does not provide snacks (eg chocolate, nuts, biscuits etc)

Intake

Intake is on a rolling basis with no set start or finish time. We can take up to 3 interns at one time and intakes will be dependent on finish times of current interns.

Internship duration periods

3 months minimum commitment with the full cycle being 12 months (preferred).

School/unibreak Holiday intensives

We are looking into a holiday programme especially tailored for Uni students holiday periods.

Please contact Travis (travheen2@gmail.com) for more information

Detailed Internship information

Each internship is tailored to suit the participant. Below are summarized details of each of key elements that make up the internship program. If you are interested in the internship please fill out the online application form below.

Main elements for the internship are the Organic nursery and CSA Market Garden. Interns can choose to focus on one of these elements or participate in a combination of both. Interns can also choose to participate in supplementary activities.

CSA- Community Supported Agriculture Market Garden Initiative

Food growing at PEACE farm is inspired by various progressive permaculture, traditional 'market gardening' (pre-industrial), post industrial bio-intensive and minimal tillage growing methods. We are into our 3rd growing season, and aim to supply a weekly supply of vegetables for over 40 families.

PEACE Farm Market Garden Elements

- Linda Woodrow inspired Mandala Gardens
- Small scale lineal systems combining mechanized (tractor) and human powered systems
- Utilisation of various progressive organic, permaculture, bio-intensive and biodynamic growing methods
- Various composting and fertigation systems; worm farms, compost systems, compost teas, bio-fertilizers and other re-mineralisation and regenerative strategies.
- Ethics and Values driven, inspired by deep green philosophy
- Strong emphasis on growing in COMMUNITY
- Animal integrated systems

Market Garden and Community supported Internship Key learning elements

- Connecting, identifying and working with vision
- Developing a business plan and model aligned with your vision
- Creative communication and decision making processes for effective community enterprise
- Understanding site considerations when establishing a market garden
- Integrating animals and crop growing
- Permaculture design and market gardening
- Crop planning and individual plant knowledge
- Man or machine? Finding the balance with appropriate technology
- Propagation system design and management for market garden
- Direct sowing and planting of crops
- Weed control and pest management
- Harvesting and storing crops
- Marketing and money

Organic Heirloom Vegetable, Herb and Fruit Nursery

3 month, 6 month and 9 month opportunities for hands on assistance in a successful organic nursery.

You will learn how to:

- Propagate heirloom veg and herb seeds for farm, market and retail
- Prepare soils and plant crop seedlings for CSA
- Take cuttings of herbs and fruits
- Learn about seed/potting mixes and fertilisers
- Natural pest and disease management
- Grafting (winter)
- Irrigation and watering
- Farmers markets
- Plant identification
- Seed saving
- Animals in permaculture management
- Learn how to budget market and run business operation

Supplementary activities:

- Natural Building and farm infrastructure
- Earth building- Cob, Light straw, earthen renders,
- Resourceful building- building effective structures with limited capital
- Working with metal-basic welding
- Basic carpentry skills
- Basic plumbing
- Animal care and re-generative animal systems
- Wholistic health; yoga, meditation, men's and women's business, seasonal connection
- Children nature based education and homeschooling
- Community Event management

Application Process

Please fill in the application form [here](#) and you will be contacted shortly with a response. Successful applicants will be asked to participate under our WWOOFING program for two weeks to get a feel for the place and then if all feels right.....the internship begins.