



Georgia
O'Keeffe
Museum

Position Garden Project
Title: Intern
Department: Historic Properties
Location: Abiquiu, NM
Pay Range: \$16.00/hr

Position Summary

The Abiquiú Garden Project Intern is a paid summer position for high school students designed to foster connection to land, community, and culture through hands-on outdoor learning. Interns work alongside Museum staff at Georgia O'Keeffe's historic Home and Studio, engaging in gardening, environmental education, and creative reflection.

Through daily work in the garden and surrounding landscape, interns build practical skills in sustainable agriculture, deepen their understanding of northern New Mexico's cultural and ecological traditions and develop confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills. The program emphasizes mentorship, curiosity, and personal growth, while creating meaningful opportunities for interns to contribute to their community.

Program Details

- Duration: 8 weeks (June–August 2026)
- Schedule: Approximately 24 hours per week
- Location: Georgia O'Keeffe Home & Studio, Abiquiú, NM
- Must be age 15 – 19 to apply

Responsibilities include but not limited to

- Participate in the planting, maintenance, and harvesting of seasonal crops using sustainable practices
- Assist with soil preparation, composting, irrigation, and general garden care
- Learn and support traditional acequia irrigation methods and water conservation practices
- Engage in nature-based activities including plant identification, birdwatching, and guided walks
- Participate in field trips to local farms, cultural sites, and regional landmarks
- Develop an understanding of local ecosystems, food systems, and environmental stewardship
- Support the harvesting and distribution of produce for donation to local food banks
- Participate in the end-of-season Harvest Celebration and related activities
- Engage respectfully with visitors and community members when appropriate
- Document experiences through writing, photography, or other creative formats
- Contribute to the program blog or shared storytelling platforms
- Participate in group discussions and reflection activities

Professional Development

- Build skills in communication, collaboration, and teamwork
- Practice responsibility, time management, and workplace readiness
- Participate in mentorship opportunities with Museum staff and guest speakers

Special Projects or Additional Duties

- Complete special projects or additional duties as assigned, and consistent with the skills, training, level of responsibility and other requirements for this position

Skills and Abilities

- Ability to work with a variety of people from various backgrounds and cultures required.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to manage multiple responsibilities.
- Ability to follow direction.
- Must be dependable and flexible.

Benefits

This position is eligible for some benefits including, museum membership, retail store discount, Employee Assistance Program!

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Applicants must be authorized to work in the US for any employer, without needing sponsorship.