

Big Small Farm Inc., a non-profit farm incubator located in Central FL is looking for energetic people interested in producing healthy local food and teaching other people to do that to fill the positions below:

Mini-FAQ!

Yes, you can work from home. No, you probably won't be successful in any of these positions if you're not interested in and at least somewhat knowledgeable about topics related to growing healthy local food and regenerative agriculture. Yes, the picture honestly shows what trying to make our food healthier and more sustainable feels like.

Mini-FAQ ends



1) Social media and website coordinator (SMWC)

We have a website, we have a Facebook account ... we don't always have time to keep them updated, interesting and generally awesome. After getting some experience and proving himself in this position, the right candidate may advance to eventually become our chief communications officer. A good SMWC will

- update our website and FB at least once a week, making sure that at least 60% of the updates are original materials and BSF news, not just “shares” and forwards of articles from other websites
- update our website and FB as needed when there are big news or events
- monitor certain web sites and communities and comment on, support, “like” and “share” certain news and posts
- be able to decide what should and should not be “shared” and which of the things that take place at BSF should be given priority in reporting (you will be provided with the guidelines)
- be able to critically asses posts and articles to see what is the real meaning, message and value of it
- be able to describe events and ideas in clear professional language.

A great SMWC will do all of the above and will also come up with more ways to improve our on-line presence both in quality and reach.

Time required – 5 – 20 hours a month. Six months minimum commitment is required.

2) Monthly Classes Coordinator (MCC)

We conduct a variety of educational activities, from monthly free or low-cost weekend classes for local people to specialized multi-day workshops and seminars taught by the leading permaculture teachers and designers. You will start as monthly classes coordinator and will have a chance to become Director of Education, a person in charge of all of our educational activities. A good MCC will

- contact potential teachers and work out the class topic and schedule details with them
- conduct surveys and research to determine topics for the future classes
- post information about the classes on appropriate websites/newspapers and reply to the inquiries
- work with SMWC to make sure the current information about classes is available in our on-line channels

A great MCC will do all that and will also find a way to raise average number of students in the monthly classes by 200-300% in the next 6-12 months.

Time required – 5 – 20 hours a month. Three months minimum commitment is required.

3) Research Assistant – several positions

We need to do a lot of research on plants, animals, advanced regenerative agriculture techniques, social issues and so on – a lot of things that we do (or want to do) have not been studied by traditional scientists and ag practitioners for 70 years or longer, so there is almost never a ready made answer. Thanks to the Internet, it's usually easy to find dozens of little bits and pieces of information and hundreds of opinions on almost every subject but someone needs to do a bit of detective work to find the needle of wisdom in this haystack of informational noise.

Can you grow chinkapin in Central Florida? Should BSF move its account to Permaculture Credit Union? What breeds of chicken should work well on the pasture in our climate? What should we plant on this pasture to reduce need for brought-in feed? No matter what area you're interested in – chances are, there is a question there that we need to know the answer to.

Time required – 5 hours a month or more. No minimum commitment is required. You're welcome to use the results of your research in your books, articles, etc. or share them in any other way.

Compensation

For now, these are not regular paid positions. However, there are certain benefits associated with them. Besides obvious ones like the experience and ability to put that on your resume, this work may satisfy internship or volunteer hours requirements (check with your school if that's the case for you!).

As far as more tangible rewards go, you will get discounts for products and services of BSF and its partner farms, ability to attend invitation-only tours, classes and events, reimbursement for certain expenses, preferential access to natural resources and recreational opportunities at BSF and partner farms and first dibs on these positions if they ever become regular paid positions. A stipend or event cash bonuses are also a possibility.

Rewards listed toward the end of the list become available gradually as the cumulative value of your contribution to BSF goes up.

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