



## BRAINFOOD SUMMER INSTITUTE PROGRAM INTERNSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

Brainfood seeks creative, highly motivated individuals help develop and deliver food education programming in the DC area.

### **About our Organization:**

Founded in 1999, Brainfood is a community-based youth development organization that uses food as a tool to build life skills with DC youth in a fun and creative setting. Through culinary-related activities we strive to expand cognitive skills, encourage creativity, foster self-reliance and empower youth as resources in their own community. We have sites in Columbia Heights, Chinatown and Mount Vernon Square, and will also be offering summer programming in Takoma this year.

### **Brainfood Summer Institute (Chinatown):**

Our flagship summer program (6 weeks, M-F) combines hands-on cooking, youth empowerment, and food education. This summer, 25-30 teens who are interested in urban gardening, building cooking skills, taking field trips to farmers' markets, and starting conversations on food justice will be joining us. Interns will work directly with Brainfood staff to support and implement the Summer Institute Program.

### **Responsibilities and Duties**

- Support Brainfood in planning, preparing, and executing summer programs
- Serve as a frontline youth workers working with high school aged urban youth
- Supervise Brainfood youth participants on field trips and community events
- Assist in maintaining and harvesting produce from Brainfood's Youth Garden
- Expand Brainfood's web presence through social media and blogging
- Capture community testimonials and evaluations from program participants and partners

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- The ideal candidate is pro-active, has excellent communication and leadership skills, and is solution-oriented
- An understanding of youth development concepts, or the desire to learn
- A passion for improving food access and food education resources in DC
- Experience working with urban youth and/or high school aged youth
- Must have a sense of humor and a sense of adventure
- Love of food and cooking experience--professional or otherwise

### **Commitment Required**

The 8-week internship is from Monday, June 20th – Friday, August 12th. Internship is unpaid. Brainfood is committed to building a culturally competent, diverse workplace. Women, people of color, LGBTQ folks, and minorities strongly encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Nina Bryce, Program Coordinator by mail or email no later than **Monday, April 25, 2016--** [nina@brain-food.org/](mailto:nina@brain-food.org/) 733 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW Washington DC 20001