



AmeriCorps VISTA Farm Coordinator Job Description

Location: Irvine, CA
Reports To: Farm Manager
Status: Full-Time, 1 year position starting August 12, 2024
To Apply: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=105139>

Would you like to go to work knowing that every day you'll be making a real difference in the lives of at-risk people in your community? At Second Harvest Food Bank that's exactly what you'll be doing. Every moment of your workday will directly impact on our mission to provide food for those who need it, when they need it. **Come join our upbeat, collaborative team who are improving lives every day by taking hunger off the table.**

We are committed to living out the Food Bank's core values of **Integrity & Accountability, People First, Compassion, Purpose Driven, and Stewardship** in pursuit of our mission.

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County

Second Harvest Food Bank's (SHFB) Vision: An Orange County with food and nutritional security for all. Our Mission: In collaboration with our partners, we provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, creating a foundation for community health. Since 1983 we have been a source of food security for all members of our community when they need our help.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Second Harvest Food Bank of OC has partnered with Hunger Free America (HFA), to seek applicants for the nationwide AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger VISTA program. Second Harvest Food Bank is looking for a VISTA Farm Coordinator to work alongside our Farm Team at Harvest Solutions Farm. Harvest Solutions Farm is a 40-acre farm at the UC South Coast Research Center, operating with the support of community volunteers. The objective of this unique and exciting project is to deliver dignified, equitable and consistent nutritious food to our community while providing volunteers with a positive, educational, and inspiring experience in the fields. The VISTA Farm Coordinator will support daily volunteer projects occurring in the field which include planting, weeding, and harvesting. The VISTA Farm Coordinator will assist in expanding the farm program through community engagement and volunteer recruitment. This opportunity is great for someone who loves the outdoors and wants to increase their knowledge of non-profit work and the agricultural sector.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Assist in daily activities including but not limited to:

- Leading orientation for volunteers
- Providing project explanations
- Demonstrating farm practices
- Collecting data
- Recruiting volunteers
- Planting, weeding, and harvesting

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must feel comfortable speaking in public
- Must maintain food safety and farm safety guidelines
- Good attendance
- Effective communication
- Able to maintain a positive attitude
- Able to present oneself professionally



PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS/ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Outdoor environment on a farm
- Moderate to loud noise environment
- Weather and temperatures range from hot to cold, and wet to dry
- Regularly required to stand, walk, bend, crouch, lift, reach, and use hands
- Regularly required to lift and carry 25-50 lbs

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed, rather than to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and skills required for the position. The position duties may be changed at any time at management's discretion. This position description is not intended to create contractual obligations of any kind.

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential job function satisfactorily. The requirements listed above are representative of the knowledge, skills and/or abilities required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To Apply <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=105139>