



Compost Manager

Skidmore Sustainability Office

Term: Fall 2024

Compensation: \$12.75/hour, 6 hours/week

2 positions available

Description

The Skidmore Sustainability Office is hiring two Student Compost Managers to organize and run the residential and departmental composting program. On a weekly basis, managers are responsible for attending weekly manager meetings, collecting coffee grounds, picking up residential and departmental compost, and leading work parties to turn the compost. Work parties occur on Fridays from 3-5pm, and Compost Managers will recruit and coordinate volunteers for these weekly work parties. Each semester Managers are tasked with engaging on-campus residents and departments with the program, encouraging and educating the Skidmore community about the climate, health, and justice impacts of composting. Compost Managers will report to the Sustainability Coordinator.

Duties

- Deploy buckets and bins across campus in the fall to Apartments, Residence Halls, and participating departments; collect, clean, and store bins at the end of spring semester
- Collect compost material weekly
- Maintain compost bins and sites for cleanliness and smell, and restock compostable bags where in use
- Communicate with residents, departments, Residence Life, Dining, and more as needed to increase program participation, address concerns, and support strong partnerships
- Recruit, manage, and train volunteers at weekly work parties on Friday's
- Turn compost piles each week to promote healthy compost; managers should work with Skidmore Sustainability Office to ensure there are enough carbon amendments (leaves, wood chips) to mix into the compost each week
- Drop off finished compost to the community garden as needed, once or twice per semester
- Manage compost data collection, i.e. tracking weekly compost weights in a spreadsheet for annual reporting
- Propose programming ideas, workshops, events, and/or educational materials to engage the college community on the benefits of composting and the respective climate, justice, and health issues
- Continue waste reduction programming such as tabling, hosting educational events, and posterings
- Support all-staff Sustainability Office events, such as waste audits, tabling, Zero Waste Events, etc.

Requirements

- Commitment to making the team and programming a welcome and safe space for all identities, races, gender identities, abilities, and religious-affiliations
- Can-do attitude to support Zero Waste Events and audits
- Clear weekly communication with supervisor and team
- Availability on Friday afternoons for Compost Work Parties
- Self-starter

How to Apply

Applications are due at noon on Wednesday, April 10th, interviews begin April 11th. Email applications to sustainability@skidmore.edu including

(1) cover letter

(2) resume

(3) names and contact information for two references, one of whom is Skidmore staff/faculty