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Position Posting MSU Student Housing Cooperative

Position: Cooperative Resource Developer (Food Cooperative Initiatives VISTA)



The MSU Student Housing Cooperative is hosting an Americorps*VISTA in coordination with the Power of We Consortium in Ingham County, Michigan. We are seeking an individual to join our dynamic team for a year to investigate and recommend cooperative solutions to healthy food access & affordability among students and residents of the greater Ingham County.

Logistics

Location: 541 East Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI

Term: 1 Year

Start Date: Late-March/early-April 2018 **End Date**: Dependent on start date

Who May be Considered: Any U.S. Citizen age 18 or over

Annual Living Allowance: \$12,278 per year Time Requirements: 36-40 hrs per week Application Deadline: January 26th, 2018

Benefits: Financial Aid Award Package education award / stipend \$5,920 / \$1,800, health

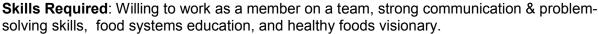
insurance, childcare and transportation allowance. Americorps Membership

Position Description:

The Food Cooperative Initiatives VISTA will increase the impact & influence of cooperative food through assessing SHC's opportunities & shortcomings in meeting community needs across Ingham County. Thy will research and evaluate models for healthy food programs such as: food cooperatives, food hubs, community gardens, local currency, and/or bulk buying clubs. Initially, the VISTA will become familiar with the MSU Student Housing Cooperative

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Community networking and coordinating with other local & regional resources, and supporting existing food cooperatives or programs within Ingham County will be an integral part of the VISTA's work.



Skills Requested: Knowledge on the Cooperative Movement, knowledge of non-profit housing networks and services in the Ingham County and Greater Lansing Area or similar, a Bachelor's Degree in any (but not limited to) the following areas: Urban Planning and Development, Political Science, Business, Peace and Justice Studies, Anthropology, community organizing experience

A preferred applicant would be one who is familiar with the Cooperative movement, has some experience within Cooperative housing and/or foods, and is enthusiastic about the Cooperative Principles and expanding the Cooperative movement to assist in providing more affordable housing & healthy foods to others.

Accepted applicant will have all standard requirements of an Americorps* VISTA, and have a regional team leader in assisting their work alongside our in-office staff.

How to apply: Please send a Cover Letter, Resume, and Professional References to hiring@msu.coop. Applicants will also be required to submit an application to Americorps*VISTA for approval. Go to hd.ingham.org Look for "Americorps" in Quick Links for info.

