

Position: Grown In Chicago Council Member

Reports to: Programs Director, fellow Council members

Position Description: Growers, Keepers, Stewards and Homesteaders encouraged to apply to become a member of the Grown In Chicago Council. AUA's new program enlists local urban agriculture experts to support our community by providing technical assistance to brand new and seasoned growers, keepers, and stewards who can submit their questions to this council of experts to receive informed and researched responses, specifically tailored to your urban agriculture site or future site.

Benefits:

- Support AUA's work to foster thriving communities through sustainable agriculture and equitable food systems.
- Work alongside 9 other council members
- Build greater connections with urban agriculture practitioners and advocates.
- Serve in a leadership role within the organization.
- Gain professional development and resume experience.
- Compensated at \$25 per hour, averaging approximately 4 hours per month
- Flexible hours
- Participate in building a broad based coalition that fosters mutual support in local agriculture
- PPE provided as needed

Responsibilities:

- Meet monthly with AUA's Programs Director and fellow council members.
- Respond to technical assistance questions in a timely manner, as assigned by area of expertise (Business and market development, food safety, soil safety and conservation, water safety and conservation, grower safety and labor practices, relationships and education)
- Research and respond to questions received, may include making site visits at times.
- Check in with fellow council members over digital platforms.
- Support ongoing development of the Grown In Chicago Self-Assessment Tool and Certification.
- Support the vision and planning of informational videos as part of the Grown in Chicago Self-Assessment Tool.
- Engages in critical analysis with AUA staff around successes and opportunities for growth of the Council and AUA's larger technical assistance efforts.
- Assist in promoting and encouraging people to submit questions to the council.

Qualifications:

- 2+ years of experience as an urban agriculture practitioner and/or advocate in Chicago.
- Knowledge about the history and current realities of urban agriculture in Chicago.
- A passionate commitment to support local urban agriculture practitioners.
- Strong communication and organization skills.
- Commitment to anti-racism in the food system.
- Comfortable using email and google platforms.

Apply:

Submit your responses to application questions, a resume or detailed summary of experience, and 1-2 urban agriculture practitioner recommendations by February 1st, 2021. [Apply here](#)