

Educator

The Battery Conservancy (TBC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing The Battery, the 25-acre public park located at the southern tip of Manhattan. The Battery is at the forefront of sustainable urban park planning and organic horticulture. The youth programs engage 6800 elementary, middle, and high school students annually in hands-on experiences in the farm and throughout the park. Farm produce is donated to schools that participate in farm programming and non-profit partners.

The Educator position is part-time and seasonal through October 31. Applicants should have experience working on small farms or gardens and in youth education, and should be comfortable working outdoors and with students of various ages and diverse backgrounds. Educators will assist with teaching educational programs throughout The Battery and with general maintenance on the farm.

Schedule: ASAP – October 31

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (24 hours / week)
- Shift in work day for major annual events to be planned in advance

Responsibilities:

- Lead lessons, tours, hands-on activities, and other programming for visiting classes and families
- Organize, maintain, and prepare lesson materials
- Lead students through all aspects of farm maintenance: planting, harvesting, weeding, composting, cooking, and more
- When classes are not in session, assist with farm maintenance tasks alongside team
- Serve as a friendly ambassador for The Battery
- Assist in other tasks, such as staffing events, for The Battery Conservancy

Qualifications:

- Availability as detailed above
- Bachelor's or Associate's degree in a related field OR
- Related experience in youth education and/or small-scale farming
- Experience leading inquiry-based, hands-on activities for students K-12 in all weather conditions
- Creativity and initiative with strong communication and organizational skills
- A passion for urban farming and garden-based education
- Additional language skills a plus
- Ability to crouch, bend, squat, use hand tools such as shovels and rakes, and lift up to 40lbs in all weather conditions

Compensation: \$20/hr

Please send a cover letter and resume to positions@thebattery.org, with "Educator" in the subject line. No phone calls please. The letter should include details of your availability and an explanation of your relevant experience. The Battery Conservancy is an equal opportunity employer.