



## Program Overview

The Farm at the Arb - Sustainable Horticulture Program is offered annually from February to October, and applications are due in the fall.

This program is a hands-on technical training in vegetable growing for sale and community health. It is offered in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Department of Horticultural Science and Extension. Participants receive a combination of classroom, lab and field experience at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and partnering farm sites. This includes a 14 week paid work experience in vegetable production at the Arboretum and local farms.

## Core Curriculum

The focus is on annual vegetable production, using hands-on, plain language, and a team-focused approach. Coursework includes greenhouse and raised-bed production, soil science, plant healthcare, food safety, and more throughout the program. Instructors are UMN educators and professional guest speakers, including full-time Farm at the Arb staff members who have deep experience in particular aspects of sustainable growing and marketing.

Curriculum components are adapted from UMN Extension Master Gardener and Agricultural Production resources, Growing for Market trade publications, and coursework from the UMN Horticultural Science Department.

## Priorities and Environmental Literacy

Horticulture skills can be used to promote access to nature, local food, plant and pollinator diversity, and clean water. They enable us to create resilient landscapes that are adapted to our climate. This program combines professional horticulture skills with resources focusing on community health.

## Tuition and Paid Work Experience

Up to 12 University of Minnesota Horticultural Science Credits are available.

Tuition is paid to the UMN Landscape Arboretum and scholarships may be available.

Paid work experience is full time for 14 weeks at the Landscape Arboretum and partnering local farms.

For more information contact Tim Wilson at [trwilson@umn.edu](mailto:trwilson@umn.edu).

## FARM AT THE ARB - SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 program. We are excited to announce the 2020 recruitment process.

**1. Complete the following application:**

Farm at the Arb admissions form:

<http://bit.ly/FarmArbCertificate2020>

**2. Attend a mandatory two-hour information session**

- a. December 10th 9am - 11am

Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Center - 3210 82nd St W Chaska, MN

- b. December 17th 1pm - 3pm

UROC - 2001 Plymouth Ave, Minneapolis

- c. December 30th 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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**3. Attend a mandatory work shadow day**

3210 82nd St W. Chaska, MN

- a. December 13th 1pm - 4pm

- b. December 20th 1pm - 4pm

- c. January 3rd 1pm - 4pm

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, we look forward to meeting you at an information session.

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