



## **Belvedere College SJ**

**Position:** Urban Farm Manager

**Reports to:** Urban Farm Coordinator

**Responsible to:** Director of Finance and Administration

### **Overview:**

An opportunity has arisen in Belvedere College S.J. for the position of Farm Manager within our Urban Farm. The farm is primarily an educational project, and the College is examining the opportunities for commercial production.

### **Farm Manager's brief:**

The Farm Manager will have responsibility for the operational side of the farm and will develop commercial capacity. They will ensure that all systems are full of plant growth and maintain fish/chicken stocks in good health. They will not be directly involved in the educational aspect of the project but will liaise with the project team to ensure that commercial and educational objectives are in unison.

### **Primary duties will include:**

- Planning and implementation of planting/harvest schedule for commercial sale.
- Delivery of produce to local restaurants and other clients. Liaise with chefs as to requirements and maintain positive commercial relationships with customers.
- Cleaning and maintenance of all aquaponic and indoor growing systems.
- Management of nutrient supplementation to ensure plant health in aquaponics system.
- Work with Farm Coordinator in relation to materials and supplies for farm operation.
- Manage mushroom farm and relationships with local cafes to supply coffee waste as primary substrate. Prepare mushroom bags and harvest mushrooms for sale.
- Manage rooftop farm. Maintain chicken coop, manage plants in outdoor containers and harvest according to demand.
- Run urban agriculture workshops with school/corporate groups as part of commercial revenue for the project.

**Key qualifications:**

- Third level horticultural qualification and a minimum of 3 years' experience in commercial growing.
- strong knowledge of herbs, microgreens and unusual edible plants.
- good knowledge of hydroponic systems and will ideally have experience in aquaponics.
- Experience of growing exotic mushrooms is beneficial but not essential.

**Key skills:**

- hard working and willing to engage with full range of operational responsibilities from cleaning and maintenance to seeding and harvesting.
- commercial acumen
- an enthusiasm to drive an exciting and unique project and ensure that it reaches its potential.
- an openness to working as part of a team with diverse experience and balance commercial with educational objectives.
- an eagerness to drive innovation within the project and promote the project as an example of best practice in urban agriculture.
- excellent communicator with an ability to present workshops on the theme of urban agriculture.
- Any other duties as deemed necessary.

**Terms of Employment**

- Attractive basic salary on offer which is negotiable depending on experience.
- 20 days annual leave
- Generous paid Sick Leave entitlement following probationary period
- Pension scheme
- Bike to Work Scheme
- Use of the College Pool and Gym during designated hours

**This is a full-time position working five days over seven.**

**Working hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm but may vary.**

**Please note the above job description is a guide and may change over time with additional duties and areas of responsibility being included.**

**For further details or to apply for this role please send a cover letter and a copy of your Curriculum Vitae to [vacancies@belvederecollege.ie](mailto:vacancies@belvederecollege.ie)**

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