

**Position: Educator**

Full-time, *Tuesday - Saturday*



Plant Chicago's (PC) mission is to cultivate local circular economies. Located in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, PC is in the process of repurposing a former firehouse into a center for Circular Economy programming. PC is a highly collaborative organization with a small staff, a large and active volunteer base, and strong relationships with schools on the southwest side and the Chicago region.

**Job Description:** The Educator conducts education programming for K-12 students and families, including hands-on experiences and workshops (virtual and in-person). The Educator will help adapt existing programs as well as develop new educational experiences for an era of physical distancing, with an eye to engaging both global audiences in virtual programs as well as local audiences for hands-on programs. Working closely with schools and residents on the southwest side of Chicago, the Educator should be comfortable teaching science, agriculture, horticulture, and/or engineering concepts and excited about collaborating on the creation of new educational content.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Conduct classroom visits, workshops, and virtual educational experiences related to circular economies for families and K-12 audiences;
- Assist in adaptation of current programs + development of new virtual opportunities;
- Engage volunteers to help with education programs;
- Develop and maintain partnerships with schools and community organizations;
- Track and document education data;
- Schedule and coordinate payment for educational programming;
- Collaborate with education committee to provide feedback on design of indoor and outdoor educational spaces;
- Assists with upkeep of PC's education spaces, including indoor and outdoor gardens;
- Market educational programs, in collaboration with other staff and volunteers;
- Collaborate with Plant Chicago staff on the weekly farmers market, workshops for the general public, and other programs, as necessary;

**Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in education, science, agriculture, or related field, or equivalent work experience;
- Experience with education in informal environments, especially with K-12 groups;
- A passion for teaching, learning, and engaging diverse audiences in science and sustainability;
- Proficiency with MS Word and Google Drive;
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Familiarity with communities on the south and southwest side of Chicago;
- Experience supervising volunteers, interns, and/or seasonal staff;
- Ability to communicate in Spanish;
- Experience leading virtual programs and/or on camera presentations;
- Familiarity with circular economy concepts

**To apply:** email a cover letter and resume by 5pm, Mon August 3<sup>rd</sup> to: [admin@plantchicago.org](mailto:admin@plantchicago.org) with the subject line: Educator application (your name);

Rate is *\$16-17/hour*, depending on experience.