



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Imani Village Green Health Advocate

Basic Functions: Trinity United Church of Christ, Imani Village, Imani Works!, The Nature Conservancy, Advocate Aurora Health, the University of Illinois at Chicago, The Morton Arboretum, and the U.S. Forest Service have established a program that prepares emerging professionals for a career in urban conservation or community health, with a special focus on the skills needed to transform communities into healthier places to live. We are seeking five individuals to form a team of Imani Village “Green Health Advocates” (IGHA) who will be responsible for promoting the health of people and nature in Chicago’s South Side.

Depending on program needs and applicant interest, we anticipate dividing Advocates into two cohorts: One part of the team will be “**conservation health advocates**” who will:

1. Evaluate the health of natural resources (e.g., trees, greenspaces) of Chicago’s South Side, including tree health
2. Examine inequities in community access to natural resources
3. Develop and implement a plan for equitable access to nature in target neighborhoods within Chicago’s South Side, including tree planting
4. Educate the community on their role in protecting nature to improve human health

Another part of the team will be “**community health advocates**” who will:

1. Conduct patient assessments through interviews and other means using telephonic and virtual platforms
2. Promote the community health services of Advocate’s Trinity Hospital and Advocate Medical Group at Imani Village
3. Conduct a community health assessment, addressing the social needs for Chicago’s South Side
4. Educate the community on their role in protecting nature to improve human health

This twelve-week career development program will start on August 31st and end on November 20th, 2020.

Requirements: This position is intended for young people 18 to 25 years of age, who possess a high school diploma or equivalent and live in or near the South Side. Preferred qualifications include:

- Basic proficiency with computer programs such as Microsoft Word
- Ability to work independently and occasionally work on weekends and evenings
- Willingness to speak in front of small groups of people, in a teaching setting
- Interest in interdisciplinary strategies to promote positive change in the community

Additional preferred qualifications for those interested in **conservation health advocate position**:

- Experience with outdoor, nature-based work through employment, internship or volunteer work
- Willingness to work in adverse weather conditions
- Interest in a long-term professional career in conservation

Additional preferred qualifications for those interested in **community health advocate position**:

- Experience or interest in population/community health, nutrition, or social work practice or research, through internship or volunteer work

- Demonstration of preparedness for work in a hospital/medical setting
- Interest in a long-term professional career in the population/community health/ medical/ social work fields

Additionally, the successful candidate must possess the ability to relate and develop a mutual respect for both the people and natural resources served and must possess the ability to get along with diverse personalities, demonstrate tact, and maturity.

Work Schedule: The Green Health Advocate shall generally work thirty-five (35) hours each week in accordance with the schedule arranged by the IGHA program managers. The program will last for twelve weeks, starting August 31st and end on November 20th, 2020. Advocates will be expected to participate in the full program.

Working Conditions: The successful candidate will be primarily based at Imani Village, located at the intersection of 95th and Cottage Grove Streets in Chicago's South Side. Work responsibilities may require the successful candidate to travel to off-site locations in the neighborhoods surrounding Imani Village. Transportation to and from Imani Village and off-site work locations will not be provided, and participants will be expected to use their own car or other individual, private transportation so as to ensure safe physical distancing. Appropriate precautions in accord with the State of Illinois and City of Chicago's COVID-19 guidelines will be kept at all times. PPE will be provided to participants.

Community health advocates will be required to successfully complete a government-mandated background check prior to starting health work.

Conservation health advocates must be prepared to work outdoors weekly, potentially in adverse weather conditions such as heat and light rain. They will also be required to do conservation work such as tree-planting.

How to Apply: Qualified applicants complete an online application at www.trinitychicago.org/jobs. The application deadline is July 31st. Interviews will take place during the month of July.

Job Description Disclaimer: *The statements in this job description are intended to describe the essential/non-essential nature and level of work performed by Trinity UCC Imani Village Imani Works! staff assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities, as other duties and responsibilities may be assigned.*

Confidentiality: *Confidentiality is a condition of employment. Discretion is a condition of employment. At all times, staff members are to respect the privacy of information about others. Violation of the Code of Confidentiality can result in immediate termination of employment.*