TreeFolks

Spring 2025 Green Leaders Fellowship Cohort

10803 Platt Lane, Austin, TX 78725 | Part-Time | In-Person

Note: Work location not accessible by bus or bike - EarthShare Texas will work with you to address any transportation needs.

Project Title: Native Tree Nursery Fellowship

Project Duration: 12 weeks

Organization Description: TreeFolks' mission is to empower Central Texans to build stronger communities through planting and caring for trees. TreeFolks started its native tree nursery with the vision of creating a "nursery of nurseries." Their goal is to train others in their work, to address the nationwide shortage of trees for planting projects. Since they participated in the City of Austin Green Workforce Accelerator Program in 2022, they have made significant strides. Their nursery is now operational with 20,000 saplings growing, and hundreds of dedicated volunteers have contributed thousands of hours to our cause.

Project Overview: The Native Tree Nursery Fellowship offers an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a nonprofit tree nursery while developing resources to help others replicate TreeFolks' success. The position is designed for someone passionate about environmental conservation and community engagement. The fellow will work closely with our Nursery Manager, gaining practical skills and knowledge in tree nursery operations. The ideal fellow will have experience in communication, research, and education with skills in organization and attention to detail.

Project Outcome(s):

- Videos, images, and written content that thoroughly document the tree cultivation processes
- Comprehensive curriculum that will be used to train others in tree nursery operations
- Recommendations for future nursery onboarding and training models

Qualifications:

- Interest in the green workforce, education, urban forestry, reforestation, or related field
- Experience in education, journalism, curriculum development, or related field
- Comfortable working in an outdoor setting (January April)
- Demonstrated ability to be a self-starter and to work well in a collaborative environment
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to commit to 10-15 work hours per week
- Willingness to use personal computer (for content creation)

Additional Benefits:

- Gain practical experience in tree nursery operations, from soil preparation to sapling care
- Hands-on experience
- Nonprofit networking opportunities