

FARM OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Part-Time Position

Position Description

The Farm Operations Assistant at Don Bugito will be responsible for day-to-day tasks associated with the rearing, breeding and harvesting of edible insects in West Oakland at the O2 Artisan Aggregate.

Who we are

Don Bugito, is an edible insect food business that offers tasty edible insect snacks in sweet and savory flavors. Our goal is to rescue ancestral food practices by reintroducing edible insects into the food market. We have been in business since 2011, being the first ones to offer edible insects in the Bay Area. Don Bugito was founded by Monica Martinez, a native of Mexico City and is inspired by the food from her childhood and Mexican Prehispanic Cuisine. Our goal it's to celebrate cultural diversity through food with a focus on sustainability, edible insects offer a great option for protein packed foods grown sustainably. We own our farm operations and we are looking to become the first organic and non-GMO certified insect farm. We believe good food should be accessible to everyone, all our products are minimally processed and free of any hard to pronounce ingredients or artificial anything. We are all about good food, good flavors and good experiences! We are tiny, but mighty! More information about Don Bugito, the Prehispanic Snackeria, is available at our website:

<u>https://www.donbugito.com/pages/about-us</u> The business is located in KitchenTown in San Mateo California and in West Oakland.

Position Responsibilities

The position requires handling insects in different stages of development, preparing insect feed, and varied physical work both outdoors and indoors. Weekly tasks include the maintenance of clean insect trays with food, following the scheduled biweekly transfer of insect eggs, and maintaining the whole space in a clean condition. The Edible Insect Farm Operations Assistant reports to the Farm Operations lead.



Desired Interests and Qualifications

The ideal candidate is:

- Excited about positively impacting the food system
- Passionate about sustainable alternatives
- Interested in learning about sustainable farming and working with insects
- Adaptable and available to work many hours alone and as part of a group
- Extremely organized and clean
- Responsible and can follow basic instructions
- Able to work in fast paced environment,
- Able to stand for long periods, for the majority of the shift
- Able to lift and carry up to 50lbs without assistance

Desirable skills and knowledge include:

- Basic understanding of biological systems
- Hands-on and basic fabrication skills
- Great organisational skills

Compensation

This position is part time 20 hours per week, ideally 4/hrs a day M-F or 6/hrs a day M, W, F. \$18-20/hour depending on ability to demonstrate fit to do the job.

How to Apply

Send us an email to jobs@donbugito.com letting us know WHY you should get the job with your resume, and three professional references with the subject line "Farm Operations Production Assistant." Position is available until filled.