



OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

CORK ROOFTOP FARM

Cork City, Co. Cork



FARM DETAILS

Owner/ manager name	Brian McCarthy
Company name	Cork Rooftop Farm
Address	6/7 Cornmarket St, Cork City, Co. Cork
Web:	www.corkrooftopfarm.ie

ABOUT THE FARM

The rooftop farm was established in March 2020 during the pandemic as an urban homesteading project. Since then, it has grown to become a fully-fledged business and transitioned from a 6000sq ft rooftop in 2020, to a half-acre market garden in 2021, a 2-acre market garden in 2023 and in 2024 we have taken on 60 acres of leased land which is a mixture of field crops, market garden space and indoor production.

We have just finished our first year going through organic conversion and scaling up. We sell mainly through our veg box scheme and our two stores as well as into local restaurants and

wholesalers. We try to use innovative farm tools to provide efficiency in both our market gardens and field product.

Like many organic growers we place a strong emphasis on biodiversity and nature. We have planted upwards of 5000 native trees throughout the farm in the past 2 years, as well as leaving hedges grow.

We also approach soil management using a min-till philosophy, using deep mulches of compost and hay where possible to protect and nurture plants as well as suppress weeds. We use cover crops for nutrient binding and soil health as well as foliar applications for mineral rebalancing.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

ACTIVITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Propagation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soft Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Top Fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Vegetables, Salads & Herbs | | |

ROUTES TO MARKET

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box Scheme | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farm Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Catering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market Stall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wholesale | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Do applicants need to have a full driving license? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the role involve the use of machinery? ☒ Yes ☐ No

How many hours work a week are involved and what is the payment you are offering?
40 hours per week @ minimum wage.

Will weekend work be required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there volunteers on the holding? ☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the ideal start and finish dates?
March/April to September/October

APPLICANT PROFILE

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Positive and open-minded attitude, enthusiastic to learn, a good listener, hard-working, passionate about food, punctual and a team player.

LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.