

Announcement

Long-term Lay Resident Caretaker

In light of the recent expansion of Mahapajapati Monastery, we are expecting an increase in both monastic and lay visitors in addition to a general increased level of activity.

We are looking for a lay person who wishes to deepen understanding and practice of Buddhism by living in a monastic setting. Long term residents will take part in the life of the community with regular periods of meditation, work, chores and occasional solitary retreat time.

Applicants should be female and have basic experience of meditation and mindfulness practice. You should be able to work independently but also be willing to take direction from the Abbess.

The role will include:

- Preparing the kutis for visitors
- Having basic maintenance skills
- Working independently and as part of a team of volunteers
- Supervising volunteers for household and gardening tasks
- Driving – you must have a current drivers' license and drive well (errands, medical appointments, etc.)
- Grocery shopping and kitchen coordination
- Familiarity with various ethnic cooking styles is a plus
- Offering approximately 30 hours of service per week
- You must be physically fit and in good health
- Have health insurance valid in California

Applicants must be a legal resident of the U.S. or have a current visa when required.

We would invite suitable applicants to stay at the monastery for periods of up to a week during the coming months, when space is available. Following a trial period of three months, the successful applicant may be invited to stay for one year initially, but this will be reviewed every three months. This is a volunteer, residential position.

If you are interested, please apply to visit the monastery:

<http://www.mahapajapati.com/application-form.html>