

Position Title: UC Internship A: Community Food System Project

Position Location and Logistics:

- Office location will be in Lansing with field work performed at various locations within the city of Lansing. Some evening and or weekend work may be required. Personal transportation/mobility necessary.
- The work is tentatively planned for ten 40 hour weeks beginning in May 2011 and running through August 2011; some flexibility exists.
- Internship pay is \$11.25 per hour. Interns may work no more than a total of 400 hours.
- Intern must be a current MSU student (registered for Spring Semester 2011 and attending in Fall Semester 2011).

Position Functions:

- Assist Extension Educator, health department and other organization's staff and community volunteers in carrying out program development, trainings and events such as:
 - Conduct surveys
 - Work with traditional media (releases, events, etc.)
 - Develop social media (Twitter, Facebook, website and blogs)
 - Perform basic internet research
 - Provide assistance with events such as movie & discussion events, fund raisers, etc.
 - Assist with the development and delivery of presentations
 - Assist with outreach activities conducted by Extension Educators, community professionals and volunteers

Desirable Skills and/or Experience

- Experience working with diverse populations in diverse neighborhoods
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use computer software programs, especially multimedia and social media
- Ability to effectively interact with both community residents and professionals
- Ability to manage the demands of multiple projects and deadlines
- Ability to work independently

Position Background:

There is increased interest and programming for the food system in the greater Lansing region. A food systems workgroup has been formed that is involved in a wide array of projects including school food, policy development, emergency food, urban agriculture, community gardens, local food and others. This internship will provide a wide variety of food system-related opportunities primarily from the system perspective as opposed to "working the soil." This placement is ideal for a student interested in policy

development, marketing and promotion, capacity building of community groups and organizations or event planning; all related to food and food systems.

For addition information about this specific internship contact:

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To Apply:

Submit cover letter and resume/CV electronically by March 4 to:

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Please make the subject line the position title.