

2016-17 UC Global Food Initiative Fellowship at UC Berkeley

Focus: Experiential Learning

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

The University of California, Berkeley invites applications for a student fellowship opportunity with the University of California Global Food Initiative (GFI). This fellowship will allow an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student to serve as the **Fellow for Experiential Learning**.

FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT: \$4,000

The funding will be administered as a stipend. Applicants should be aware that receipt of a fellowship may affect financial aid packages, if relevant. If you have a question about impact on financial aid, please discuss with your financial aid officer.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, May 9, 2016 (midnight PDT)

Applicants must be matriculated undergraduate or graduate students at UC Berkeley. To apply, submit the following items by email to foodinstitute@berkeley.edu with the subject line **"GFI Fellowship: Experiential Learning."**

1. Cover letter stating your reasons for application to this fellowship and a summary of most relevant experiences, skills, and/or education.
2. Resume (limit 2 pages).
3. Contact information for 2 references. One should be a professor or major advisor.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP:

Background on the UC Global Food Initiative Student Fellowship Program: The overarching goal of the University of California Global Food Initiative is "to harness the resources of the University of California—its research, people, expertise, and tradition of public service—to put the world on a pathway to feed itself in ways that are nutritious and sustainable." To engage students in this effort, the UC Office of the President created the President's GFI Student Fellowship Program. The program provides each campus with funding in 2016-17 for four student awards of \$4,000 each.

Experiential Learning Fellowship: This fellowship recipient will be an advocate for experiential learning opportunities across UC Berkeley, with a specific focus on hands-on campus food production. The fellow reports to the Berkeley Food Institute.

Responsibilities:

- Create and distribute weekly Berkeley Food Institute Student Opportunities Newsletter.
- Increase collaboration within and across food production-related programs on campus: build and maintain cooperation, support, and resource sharing among campus gardens, programs, and administration, with the goal of expanding and improving experiential learning opportunities for students.
- Facilitate coordination between campus gardens and allied campus units: help gardens collaborate with programs such as composting operations, campus food services, food pantries, and student grocers and/or cooking facilities to streamline student engagement in growing, harvesting, distributing, and processing food from gardens.

- Provide increased visibility for experiential learning opportunities through tabling at campus events.
- Work with staff and faculty on proposals to expand student experiential learning opportunities in agroecology and food justice at UC Berkeley, particularly at the campus field stations and in partnership with community-based non-profit organizations.
- Participation in GFI systemwide activities, including monthly GFI conference calls, attendance at meetings of GFI leadership, and GFI Fellows' field trip.
- Other experiential learning projects to be determined between fellow and supervisors.

Qualifications:

- Matriculated undergraduate or graduate student at UC Berkeley.
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills, particularly in regards to interpersonal communications across diverse groups.
- At least two years of experience in researching and/or organizing complex information and working on interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving.
- Experience with facilitation, relationship-building, and project coordination among diverse people and programs.
- Ability to work independently as well as in a group setting; ability to manage multiple tasks.
- Demonstrated creativity, innovation, and commitment.
- At least two years of work experience and/or public service related to food and/or agriculture, with specific experience in experiential learning.

TIMING: Application must be submitted by **Monday, May 9, 2016 (midnight PDT)**.

A multidisciplinary committee will review applications, conduct interviews, and announce decisions by **May 27, 2016**. The recipient will serve during the 2016-17 academic year. UC systemwide activities for the program begin with an orientation in October 2016, and conclude with a symposium and poster presentation held in conjunction with the CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) in June/July 2017. The student is expected to work on the fellowship project 5-10 hours per week for the full academic year. Specific scheduling will be arranged with agreement of fellowship recipient and supervisor.

Direct any questions to BFI Program Manager Rosalie Z. Fanshel at foodinstitute@berkeley.edu.

Equal Employment Opportunity:

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