

2016-17 UC Global Food Initiative Fellowship at UC Berkeley

Focus: Food Access and Security

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 Food Access and Security**.

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: Food Access and Security."**

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 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.

Food Access and Security Fellowship: This fellowship works implementation and growth of the new UC Food Security Model. The fellow reports to Ruben E. Canedo, Research and Mobilization Coordinator at the Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence.

Responsibilities:

This fellowship recipient will have two primary responsibilities:

1. **UC Berkeley:** (I) Fellow will be trained on the newly created UC Food Security Model. (II) The fellow, in partnership with both the undergraduate and graduate student governments, will facilitate building sessions with undergraduate and graduate student leaders working on food security and/or areas that impact food security. These sessions will focus on developing an effective and cohesive student leadership model to operationalize the campus food security model. (III) Fellow will meet with student, staff, and executive leadership to gather the

necessary data and input for the completion of the second annual campus food security report. The report will be co-authored with current UC Berkeley Food Security Committee Chair Ruben E. Canedo. The projected timing for completing this report is April 2017. (IV) Lastly, fellow will be a member of the UC Berkeley Food Security Committee to ensure student voice and leadership on committee.

2. **UC Global Food Initiative Food Access and Security Committee:** Actively participate in GFI Food Access and Security Subcommittee meetings, which involve collaboration with other UC campus participants. Fellow will participate at the two systemwide in-person meetings and the California Higher Education Food Summit. Participation depends on fellow availability.

Deliverables:

- Effective coordination of monthly food security student leadership meetings.
- Confirmed sustainable student leadership structure for ongoing engagement with the operationalization of the UC Food Security Model.
- Co-author second annual UC Berkeley Food Access and Security Report.

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 issues of food access and security.

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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