

2016-17 UC Global Food Initiative Fellowship at UC Berkeley

Focus: Student Ambassador

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 **UC GFI Student Ambassador**.

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.

An additional \$1,000 will be provided as a program budget.

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: Student Ambassador."**

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.

The GFI Student Ambassador role formed in response to a desire for increased student engagement in the Global Food Initiative both systemwide and at the campus level. The Student Ambassador serves as the GFI student engagement go-to person for their campus. Ambassadors will be invited to participate in leadership meetings of the UC Global Food Initiative where they will share their student voice, report out on student engagement activities, and connect with GFI working group leaders across the system. The Student Ambassador will report directly to the GFI leadership at the UC Office of the President, in coordination with the Berkeley Food Institute.

Responsibilities:

Student Engagement

- Promote student awareness of the UC Global Food Initiative and campus student fellow projects (e.g., tabling about GFI, engaging student leaders and student organizations in discussions about the GFI, etc.).
- Network and/or help assist with publicizing campus events related to GFI activities.
- Represent GFI at campus events, including coordinating on-campus activities in conjunction with Food Day in October and Earth Day in April.

- Support efforts to rollout outcomes from GFI Working Groups.

Meetings

- Join monthly Ambassador systemwide conference calls.
- Attend in person GFI leadership meetings.
- Participate actively in GFI Working Group meetings, including coordinating campus Working Group meetings.
- Attend on-campus GFI subcommittee meetings.
- Meet regularly with other UC Berkeley GFI fellows (Experiential Learning, Equity and Inclusion, and Food Access and Security) to ensure representation of their projects and needs.

Reporting

- Submit quarterly updates, along with other GFI working group leaders, sharing the status of engagement efforts.
- Provide student feedback and communicate campus needs and opportunities.
- Offer guidance on advancing campus-based student engagement in the GFI.

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 in a leadership role.

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:

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status. For more information about your rights as an applicant, see:

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<http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>