Organic Vegetable Production Internship with FairShare CSA Coalition

FairShare CSA Coalition, a Madison, WI-based nonprofit, supports and connects community supported agriculture (CSA) farmers and consumers. Through outreach and education we foster a cohesive network of committed farmers and community members who believe CSA is the backbone of a vibrant, just and healthy food system, where all families have access to locally produced, organic food and have strong connections to their farms, food and community.

FairShare interns are key members of our team and may assist with all aspects of the organization’s work, including outreach, administrative tasks, events, and research. Interns may attend relevant conferences, workshops, and meetings to network with others working within the food system and to increase knowledge. Interns will gain valuable experience and contribute to critical programs that work to build the strength and vitality of our local farms and increase access to healthy food.

Position Title: Intern

Position Period: Late April – October

Start date by 4/20/20 is optimal but not required and can be delayed to May. Availability to work into early October is required.

Hours: Flexible depending on project needs, generally 8 to 15 hours per week on Tuesdays & Thursdays, with some full weeks off.

Wage: $9.00 per hour for up to 150 hours

Academic Credit: Available with appropriate faculty sponsorship

Responsibilities

● On-Farm research on cover crop based reduced tillage techniques – assist with planting, maintenance, harvest, and data collection on 3 to 5 farms in south central Wisconsin
● Data entry and organization – assist with entering, organizing, and interpreting data from the research trials
● Communication – assist with writing farmer bulletins and creating videos to convey research results

Qualifications

Internships are open to students and community members. Employees are hired without regard to race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, education, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. FairShare encourages applicants of all backgrounds to apply.

● Interest/experience in vegetable production, local food, sustainability, and/or sustainable agriculture
● Interest/experience in working outdoors in all conditions
● Ability to squat and bend to ground level
● Ability to lift and carry 25 to 50 pounds
● Experience with excel and/or google forms, including formulas and charts
● Experience with video recording and editing a plus

Application Procedure

Applications submitted by March 6 will be given priority. Please send a short proposal (up to 3 pages, including resume) to Claire Strader, claire@csacoalition.org with the following information. Any questions about this internship can also be sent to Claire.

1. Contact information: name, address, phone number, e-mail. Students should also note their student status and submit contact information for a faculty sponsor if they are seeking academic credit for the internship.
2. Schedule: State the desired timeline for your internship (e.g. April through October) and list the days and times of the week you are available. Please be specific including exact start and end dates, if possible.
3. Goals: Describe what you hope to learn through your internship. Include any specific areas of interest or skills you hope to gain.
4. Experience: Describe the skills or experience you will bring to FairShare and the on-farm research program.
5. Resume: Please attach a current resume