

## Farm to School Program Internship

### University Farm at Truman State University

**Position:** Specialty crop production student internship at the Truman State University Farm in Kirksville, Missouri. The position will average 32 hrs/wk over 10 weeks *within* the approximate 3 month span of May 14, 2012 to August 17, 2012.

**Responsibilities:** The intern(s) will work with the University Farm Manager and the Local Foods Coordinator to produce and prepare for consumption and/or storage, fresh fruits and vegetables at the University Farm. The intern may also have an opportunity to work on other area farms and assist in collection and initial processing of produce from these farms for delivery to Campus Dining Services.

Specific responsibilities/duties will include the participation in:

- Soil preparation, planting, and transplanting; weeding/watering
- Harvesting; storing/processing
- Specialty crop market development and promotion
- Delivering to campus dining and other Kirksville destinations
- Supervising student volunteers and participants from other visiting organizations

#### **Qualifications:**

##### *Required*

- Currently enrolled at a two- or four-year college or university;
- Demonstrated knowledge of and/or interest in fruit and vegetable production;
- Interest in and commitment to sustainable agriculture and community food system concepts;
- Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills; and
- The ability to engage in physically-demanding, outdoor work for eight or more hours per day and lift at least 50 lbs.

##### *Preferred*

- At least two years of completed college coursework;
- Direct experience in fruit and vegetable production and/or food processing;
- Ability to remain engaged in University/community farm to school efforts beyond the internship position; and
- Reliable transportation.

**Compensation:** The intern(s) will earn a stipend of \$2,000 to be paid in three equal, monthly installments. The internship may be coupled with academic credit if the intern so chooses. Two paid internship positions are anticipated, with an additional tuition stipend of \$1,000 available for one of the positions if the successful candidate chooses to seek academic credit for the internship (5 credit hours as AGSC 391/392 or equivalent internship credit in the intern's discipline of choice).

**Application:** To apply, please submit via email attachment, a cover letter describing interest in and qualifications for the position, a resume, and names and contact information of two references, to

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**Applications will be accepted until February 29, 2012.**

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