

PAID INTERNSHIP: FARM TO INSTITUTION/FARM TO SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

Location:

Portland, Oregon

Anticipated Start Date:

01-09-2017

End Date:

06-30-2017, negotiable

Reports To:

Farm to School Coordinator

Application Deadline:

Applications accepted on a rolling basis until position filled

Compensation:

\$1500 stipend

Apply:

Send email and resume to:

kwiley@ecotrust.org

Attn: Farm to Institution/Farm to School Internship

See details below under How to Apply

Summary:

Ecotrust coordinates the Northwest Food Buyers Alliance (NWFBA), a peer-to-peer network of foodservice directors at schools, hospitals, correctional institutions, assisted living facilities, and corporate campuses in the Pacific Northwest, who believe they can best serve their eaters and communities by sourcing local, sustainable, delicious ingredients. To show the impact of this alliance, Ecotrust is collecting data on the procurement of local fruits and vegetables by participating institutions. [Learn more about NWFBA here.](#)

Additionally, Ecotrust supports farm to school (F2S) in eight school districts in Oregon and SW Washington as part of Kaiser Permanente's Thriving Schools initiative—an effort dedicated to improving the health of students, staff, and teachers in K-12 schools. As part of this project, Ecotrust is collecting and analyzing data on the procurement and promotion of local foods for participating districts. [Learn more about Ecotrust's farm to school work here.](#)

An intern is needed to help collect, sort, and analyze data related to procurement of local specialty crops (fruits and vegetables) within the NWFBA and procurement of local foods in the eight Thriving Schools districts. This intern will also help to develop, implement, and analyze surveys that assess the attitudes and behaviors of participants in relation to local foods procurement. While these are separate projects, there is some overlap between the two and alignment of data and analysis needed. This internship will total 100 hours, worked approximately 5 hours/week, mid-January through mid-June. Dates and hours worked are flexible/negotiable and could be worked in a more concentrated fashion over a shorter period of time, if desired. Immediate assistance is needed January–April.

Responsibilities:

- Regular communication with Farm to School Coordinator and Food & Farms Director
- Work with NWFBA Advisory Team partners (Oregon Department of Agriculture and Health Care Without Harm) to collect needed data for school and hospital partners
- Collect data directly from a representative sample (4-6) of other types of institutional foodservice buyer members of the NWFBA
- Work with food service directors and other partners in Thriving Schools districts to collect needed data related to local foods procurement and promotion efforts
- Create systems to organize and sort data collected from NWFBA institutions and Thriving Schools districts
- Analyze data in response to guiding questions
- Help to draft, implement, and analyze final evaluation survey for NWFBA members and Thriving Schools districts
- Produce a report of findings to support final project evaluation and story-telling

Qualifications:

Must be organized, responsive, and enthusiastic about regional food systems work. Background and/or expertise with data collection and analysis methods and tools preferred (includes previous employment or volunteer experience and/or relevant course work).

How to Apply:

Please email kwiley@ecotrust.org, include “Farm to Institution/Farm to School Internship” in the subject line, and attach your resume. Please include a brief cover letter (1 page or less) as an attachment or in the body of the email describing why you are a match for this opportunity. Specific reference to past experience with data collection and analysis recommended. A completed Ecotrust application is NOT REQUIRED for this position.

Who we are: Ecotrust is a regional organization that has been leading restoration-based economic development since 1991. Ecotrust's mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity, and environmental wellbeing. Our goal is to foster a natural model of development that creates more resilient communities, economies, and ecosystems here and around the world. Learn more about our work here: www.ecotrust.org

Ecotrust holds a deep commitment to equity and diversity as core principles integral to the work we do. As we add new members across all levels of the organization, we seek diverse perspectives that will add richness to our evolving organization and networks.

Ecotrust is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We believe that a diverse staff of qualified, highly-skilled, and creative individuals is necessary to achieve the vision and mission of the project. We welcome and encourage applications from candidates who can contribute to the diversity of our workforce across a range of dimensions.

Veterans' Preference: Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. The contact listed on the job announcement must receive all required documentation by the closing date of the recruitment.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please reach out to the contact above in advance to request assistance.