CASFS Internship Opportunity

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The Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS) currently has an internship opportunity for Fall 2013. Five unit internship applicants preferred.

Currently, the Center is updating and revising its two training manuals: Teaching Organic Farming & Gardening: Resources for Instructors and Teaching Direct Marketing and Small Farm Viability: Resources for Instructors. These manuals draw on the extensive experience of the Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture, providing other instructors with teaching resources based on the many skills and concept taught during the six-month Apprenticeship training program.

This internship position will help support the revision of several sections of these manuals. This position will entail providing research (and potentially writing) for the revision of the social issues sections, and for a few sections of the marketing manual. More specifically, it will include revising the sections on the social and environmental consequences of the current food system, updating the sections on the history of resistance to the dominant food system, and adding a section on social justice movement in the food system. In the marketing manual, research is needed for two new chapters: one on how to make good food more accessible and another on alternative marketing strategies, such as farm to school, food hubs and value labels.

Web and library research will be a primary activity. This position will also be involved in summarizing references and resources for annotated bibliographies. Depending on skills and time availability, co-authorship is possible. This position may also provide a small amount of support to an evaluation of a farm-to-school project.

Preferred knowledge and skills:
- Classes or coursework focusing on social issues in agriculture and food systems
- Interest and background in social issues in the food system
- Good research skills
- Good writing skills
- Strong attention to detail

CASFS is a research, education, and public service center at the University of California – Santa Cruz. Our mission is to increase the understanding and practice of social and environmental sustainability in the food and agriculture system.