# Description of Kresge Common Ground Center:

- UC Santa Cruz’s Kresge College is home to a new Center promoting social and environmental change, the Common Ground Center. The mission of Common Ground is to create cultural change for social justice, environmental regeneration, and economic viability. We act as a catalyst and facilitator of systemic change through undergraduate action-education, research, advocacy, and civic engagement. The Center has a large base of community support from its existing programs in Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice, Transformative Action, The World Café and the Kresge Garden, as well as existing partnerships with civil society organizations promoting the values, principles and practices of Common Ground.
- Refer to [http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/index.html](http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/index.html) for more info.

## Available Internships:

- **(10 interns) Kresge Garden Co-op** - Learn skills for organic gardening and cooperation
  - We are looking for 2-unit interns next quarter to learn and help with compost making, plant propagation, winter pruning, and making a detailed crop plan for the 2015 growing season. More info at [http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/activities/garden-coop.html](http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/activities/garden-coop.html)
  - Contact garden-coop-core@googlegroups.com

- **(3 interns) Compassionate University/THRIVE**-- Three students will be taking responsibility to re-engage the Charter for Compassion University program that began last year. They will be working with agency sponsor Christine King to do the following:
  - Establish Compassionate University as a permanent presence on campus
    - Weekly meetings to organize events
THRIVE Circles weekly to provide a supportive and compassionate place for students to feel comfortable to share what's happening in their lives

- Spread compassion across campus via empowering initiatives, such as:
  - “Take What You Need” fliers
  - Inspirational Post-its
  - Random Acts of Kindness Boxes
  - Listening Posts
- Perform outreach to bring campus-wide awareness of THRIVE
  - Distribute Fliers
  - Class Announcements
  - Post regularly on Facebook page
  - Revamp Compassionate University website
- Organize workshops and events embodying the elements of self-care and campus-wide compassion
- Work with city of Santa Cruz to promote ratification of the Charter for Compassion
- Contact: chaking@ucsc.edu

- (1 intern) Right Livelihood College - Collaborate with international partners in the Right Livelihood College network, “the Alternative Nobel Prize”
  - We are looking for one dedicated volunteer or 2-unit intern to connect the dots between Right Livelihood Award Laureates and UCSC faculty, staff, student, and alumni activities. This includes learning about the RLC and Laureates, building our RLC database, and skype meeting with international partner Colleges. More info at http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/activities/right-livelihood-college.html
  - Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu

- (Up to 4 interns) The World Cafe - Food, tea and conversations that matter. Learn skills in conversational leadership, facilitation, cooking for groups, and tea culture. Hosting strategic conversations is a key skill set for environmental change. More…
  - We are looking for volunteers and 2-unit interns to support our weekly World Cafe program on Mondays 5-7pm. This is an opportunity to learn the art of hosting conversations that matter, decide on topics and questions for conversation, prepare food and tea, and/or coordinate with our collaborative partners so that The World Cafe may be of benefit to their campaigns. We regularly host conversations about campus gardens, social justice issues in the food system, water privatization, ecopsychology and nature connection.
  - Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu

- (1 intern) Kresge Common Ground Center Media - Video record our public events.
  - Internship availability: We are looking for one 2-unit intern to work in coordination with the Common Ground Student Media Coordinator and Provost Sustainability Intern to video record guest speaker visits and conduct video interviews. Most
events to be recorded are Th 2:00-3:45pm. More info at 
http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/activities/workshops-and-lectures.html
○ Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu

● (1 intern) Kresge Common Ground Center Social Media - Manage our online community website at http://commonground.ning.com
  ○ We are looking for one 2-unit intern to work in coordination with the Common Ground Student Media Coordinator and Provost Sustainability Intern to coordinate our vibrant online community website. More info at http://commonground.ning.com
  ○ Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu

● (1 intern) Kresge Common Ground Center Events - Plan and host our public events, including guest lectures, workshops, and community dialogues.
  ○ We are looking for one 2-unit intern to work in coordination with the Common Ground Student Events Coordinator on the planning and hosting of our public events, including setup and cleanup, preparing meals for special guests, and event promotion. More info at http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/activities/workshops-and-lectures.html
  ○ Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu

● (1 intern) UCSC Bioneers Springtime Event Planning - Design a spring quarter Bioneers event on campus. Our collaborative partnership with the Bioneers has led to over 150 student scholarships and a number of events on campus since 2012.
  ○ We are looking for one dedicated 2-unit intern or volunteer to work in collaboration with our faculty and student staff to design and organize a day long UCSC Bioneers event this spring quarter. The creative endeavor includes learning and practicing skills in planning event logistics, fundraising, and coordinating with community partners. More info at http://kresge.ucsc.edu/commonground/activities/bioneers.html
  ○ Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu

Prerequisites: None