Environmental Studies

Assignment Description Form

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# of interns needed/Hours worked per intern: 10-15 fall, winter
Needed for quarters: x Fall, x Winter
Options (choose one): Remove your listing by 
Or keep on file for one year

Describe the internship assignment: Brief statement about the agency; role of the intern and specific objectives of the projects assigned to the intern; tasks to be performed.

The work on any given farm is always plentiful and constantly demanding. Depending on the season in which interns work on the farm, they can expect to be part of the labor intensive processes associated with organic farming: seeding, soil amendment, tilling, greenhouse management, composting, transplanting, weeding, laying/maintaining irrigation, pruning and pest management. By the end of interning, students will have developed a better understanding of the amount of time and labor that goes into the cultivation of organic veggies as well as experience designing and using drip irrigation systems, understanding specific crop made and horticultural characteristics, farmers-market relations, dry farming techniques, date collection, organization, crop rotation and management strategies.

Prerequisites: Outline the skills and background information necessary to participate in this internship.

Participation is open to anyone who wants to learn more about local agriculture projects and the food growing process. The level of small-scale organic production is widely accessible and welcomes cooperation of farmers from all backgrounds and skill levels. The job is somewhat physically demanding and must be attended on a semi-regular basis in order to ensure an adequate learning experience. This is an especially interesting opportunity for ENVS students looking to get more acquainted with the application of agroecological principles and direct engagement with agroecological subject matter. Also open to senior projects!