Describe the internship assignment:

The Alta Vista Farm & Forestry Center is a start up Permaculture Farm in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains in Happy Valley. The Center is run by UCSC Environmental Studies Graduate Nick Slobodian. Alta Vista Farm & Forestry operates a small nursery, market garden, sawmill, and a lumber yard on site.

The farm is founded in Permaculture Principles and will apply these foundations as the season progresses. Interns play a crucial role in the operation of the farm in its inaugural year. Interns will have the opportunity to involve themselves in a variety of tasks on the farm as they help it grow. Tasks include plant propagation and nursery management, landscape restoration, planting, building, irrigation, weeding, and harvesting. The main objective of these tasks is to expose the interns to the process of growing a garden and starting a farm. Interns will get experience at the small garden scale and the larger row crop scale. This season we will be establishing our production system and our food forest demonstration site.

Nick is a certified Permaculture Design Teacher and can weave the Permaculture Principles throughout the days tasks on the farm. We have a multitude of projects in permaculture, appropriate technology, agroforestry and land management that interns can design on there own. Interns need to be willing to work outdoors in the elements, be able to lift at least 50 lbs., and have a deep interest in gardening and ecology. For Spring Quarter days available to work are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Summer Internships are available as well.