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Interns needed Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter Quarters. Keep on file.

About Common Ground:

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.
Kresge Garden Co-op (10 interns)

We are looking for 2-unit interns to learn and help with compost making, plant propagation, winter pruning, and making a detailed crop plan for this year’s growing season.

Contact: garden-coop-core@googlegroups.com

Right Livelihood College (1 intern)

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.

Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu
The World Café (up to 4 interns)

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.

We are looking for volunteers and 2-unit interns to support our weekly World Cafe program on Mondays from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

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
Media Intern (1 intern)

We are looking for one 2-unit intern to work in coordination with the Common Ground Student Media to video record guest speaker visits and conduct video interviews.

Contact: commonground@ucsc.edu
Design a UCSC 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 two-day UCSC Bioneers event. The creative endeavor includes learning and practicing skills in planning event logistics, fundraising, and coordinating with community partners.

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