10-Unit or Senior Internships

General Information

- **Organization:** Santa Cruz Permaculture
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- **# of Interns/Hours:** 1 to 2/12-15 hrs
- **Quarters Needed:** All
- **Keep on File for:** 1 year

Description of Internship

Santa Cruz Permaculture provides community development, land stewardship, holistic education, and eco-social design services for a thriving, just and sustainable world.

I am looking to sponsor senior internships with qualified students interested in learning and practicing permaculture design in our community. This will include “dirt time” with gardening and land stewardship, as well as “social entrepreneurship” skills needed to run a successful business or non-profit organization. Interns will learn practical skills for the personal and professional development that are applicable in a wide variety of fields.

Specific projects will vary based on the interns passion and skills. Projects may include:

- Land based restoration including installation and maintenance of resilient food and water systems at both urban and rural scales. This is a primary way that interns will learn and contribute
- Attendance and support of Santa Cruz Permaculture Design Course, and other workshops
- Hosting community forums to learn about issues of social justice and sustainability, and to create a strong group of people for getting things done
- Creation of a Santa Cruz Bioregional Directory, a yellow pages of sustainable solutions
- Creation of a Santa Cruz Permaculture course website with course notes, videos, articles, etc.
- Social documentations including: writing a monthly eNewsletter and blog posts, making facebook posts, making photos and videos

This is a 6-month internship, 5 units per quarter offered twice a year (fall/winter and spring/summer)

Prerequisites

*Required:* Background with food, farming, and/or construction. Social engaging, goal-oriented individual. Willingness to learn and share about Santa Cruz Permaculture with the public. Good organizational and time management skills. Punctual. Excellent communication, in person, by computer, and on the phone. Ability to work independently as well as part of a team in a professional cleanup, etc. Willingness to commit to the internship for two quarters.

*Preferred:* Experience with promoting organizations via physical media, the web, and social media. Experience with photography and/or video production. Experience with Wordpress, Adobe Suite, and Google apps. It is preferable that you already have familiarity with permaculture or have already completed a Permaculture Design Course however in any case, the course will be included in your internship.