

Internships with Real Food Challenge

Overview

Interns are crucial to the advancement of our campaign, providing concrete and meaningful contributions to a diverse range of projects. Internships are also a great opportunity to extend your network, build your resume, and support the growth and development of a powerful student movement for just and sustainable food systems.

What is the Real Food Challenge?

The Real Food Challenge is a national network made up of national staff, regional organizers and student leaders. We work to leverage the power of youth and universities to create a healthy, just and sustainable food system. Our primary campaign is to shift \$1 billion of existing university food budgets away from industrial farms and junk food and towards local/community-based, fair, ecologically sound and humane food sources—what we call “real food”—by 2020. We also provide opportunities for networking, learning, and leadership development for thousands of emerging leaders.

Upon the start of the internships, all interns will co-develop a more specific internship action plan and scope of work document with their supervisor. This document will include goals, benchmarks and evaluation standards. All interns will be expected to engage in weekly check-ins with their supervisor, and either work remotely or at the Real Food Challenge office in Boston, MA.

Internship Positions

Real Food Calculator Research Intern (2)

Real Food Calculator Research Interns will support the development of the next version of the Real Food Calculator Guide and Appendix. They may research other food purchasing assessment tools or write position papers on the Real Food Calculator criteria for different products (e.g. produce, poultry).

Curriculum Development Intern (2)

Curriculum Development interns will compile readings and other resources in food systems and community organizing to support a year-long curriculum for Regional Field Organizers and Grassroots Leaders.

School Food Research & Policy Intern (1)

The School Food Research and Policy Intern will research institutional (e.g. university, school, hospital) food policies and develop resources related to the Real Food Campus Commitment.



Communications Intern (1)

The Communications Intern will develop and maintain RFC's communications by posting regularly to Twitter and Facebook, writing blog posts and keeping the RFC website up to date.

Media Intern (1)

The Media Intern will help get the word out about RFC programs and campaigns by writing and distributing press releases and by making pitches to relevant media outlets.

Food Day Coordination Intern (2)

The Food Day Coordination Interns will support students around the country to run events on their campuses during Food Day in October 2012.

Qualifications

We encourage you to apply for the internship(s) that you feel most qualified for. For all interns, we are seeking the following qualities:

- Ability to work 10-30 hours a week for Real Food Challenge
- Demonstrated interest in food systems and food justice
- Demonstrated interest in campus organizing and national movement-building
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Current college or university students preferred
- Familiarity with Word, GoogleDocs, Facebook, and other online and social media tools preferred

Internships are unpaid part-time positions. The early selection deadline for applications is March 16, 2012. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, so early applications are encouraged.

Please contact Tricia Kiefer (tricia@realfoodchallenge.org) with questions about the application process and Nina Mukherji (nina@realfoodchallenge.org) with questions about specific internship positions.

