



Community Outreach Internship

Are you interested in positively impacting the lives of people within your community? The Sustainable Agriculture Project at GVSU offers rewarding internships that expose students to practical, hands-on knowledge while encouraging creativity.

Position Summary:

The Community Outreach Intern will learn to integrate sustainable agriculture practices with schools and other local organizations to assist the SAP with its overall goal of sustainability. The successful applicant will foster relationships with community organizations, expand upon our community garden curriculum, and facilitate programs. This process will cultivate an understanding of sustainable agriculture and the importance of healthy food for life.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to fully utilize the internship as a learning experience
- Previous experience working with youth is helpful, but not required
- Tolerant of working outside in all weather conditions
- All majors are welcome to apply

Special Project Opportunity:

Interns will have the opportunity to pursue independent research projects to enrich their academic experience, such as:

- Coordinate a schedule of interactive field trips to the SAP with local schools
- Planning sustainable agriculture workshops for local organizations
- Building collaboration with the local farm-to-school network
- Designing and implementing a container gardening curriculum
- Other projects are possible depending upon the intern's interests

Interns Will Learn to:

- ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the complexities and approaches of sustainable food systems
- ❖ Foster community relationships
- ❖ Describe the importance of agriculture in the economy
- ❖ Recognize systems thinking and/or design thinking in processes
- ❖ Follow all appropriate food safety procedures
- ❖ Analyze the strengths and limitations of small-scale farming
- ❖ Apply appropriate tools and technology for sustainable agriculture