



Food Access Internship

Would you like to increase access to fresh produce on campus while helping students lead healthy lives? The Sustainable Agriculture Project at GVSU offers rewarding internships that expose students to practical, hands-on knowledge while encouraging creativity.

Position Summary:

The Food Access Intern will learn how to increase availability of SAP produce to those in need, especially with food pantries such as Replenish. The successful applicant will research and practice methods to increase access to healthy foods by GVSU students, while fostering an understanding of sustainable food systems.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to fully utilize the internship as a learning experience
- Interest in food systems and sustainable practices
- Tolerant of working outside in all weather conditions
- All majors are welcome to apply

Special Project Opportunity:

In addition to learning about farming and food systems through an internship, you will have the opportunity to pursue independent projects, such as:

- Improving food access in education systems
- Researching food desert solutions
- Expanding food independence projects and research, like permaculture
- Creating a healthy foods curriculum
- Devising initiatives, such as cooking classes, that encourage GVSU students to take charge of their well-being
- 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
- ❖ Recognize the impact of barriers to food access in our community
- ❖ 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

Note: This is a for-credit, unpaid internship opportunity.