



Plant Production 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 Plant Production Intern will learn how to maintain the plant production systems at the SAP. The successful applicant will research and practice methods that improve the overall sustainability of the plant production systems. The intern will also document production data, which will help foster a deep understanding of sustainable food systems.

Qualifications:

- ➔ Commitment to fully utilize the internship as a learning experience
- ➔ Tolerant of working outside in all weather conditions
- ➔ Most relevant majors for this position are Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Studies, but 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:

- Improving plant production systems
- Researching plant disease reduction
- Investigating sustainable solutions to insect management
- Expanding food independence projects and research, like permaculture
- Devising initiatives, such container gardening, 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
- ❖ Successfully manage volunteers
- ❖ 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