

UC Global Food Fellowships

Applications for 2017-18 now Open

In support of the University of California's Global Food Initiative, which commits the UC to develop and promote sustainable and nutritional food systems to meet an ever-increasing global population, the UCR Global Food Committee is soliciting applications for the 2017-18 **Global Food Fellowship**.

A total of three \$4,000 fellowships will be awarded. These fellowships are intended to support Global Food Initiative related projects at the UCR campus. Projects addressing each of the themes outlined below will be considered. These projects should contribute to improved health and nutrition and/or educate the campus community about the importance of access to healthy food.

To qualify for consideration of a fellowship, you must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at the University of California, Riverside. Fellows are expected to participate in campus and system-wide GFI meetings, attend UCR GFI lecture series and achieve all milestones approved in the scope of their projects in a timely manner.

Fellows are expected to attend an orientation on June 26, 2017 at UC Santa Barbara. The orientation for the 2017-18 cohort will be a combined event (2017-18 cohort orientation + 2016-17 cohort symposium), bringing together both the incoming and outgoing GFI and CNI (Carbon Neutral Initiative) Student Fellows. As with past years, systemwide activities will also include leadership retreats, a spring field trip, and a closing symposium and poster presentation to be held in conjunction with the CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) in June/July 2018. Additional activities may include quarterly conference calls, attendance at meetings of GFI leadership and participation in GFI-related activities in support of the initiative. Please note, absent exceptional circumstances, that all GFI Student Fellows and Ambassadors are expected to attend the systemwide events. Given the timing of this year's orientation, campus application materials should note the June 26 date and expectation that if selected as a Fellow, students will be available to attend.

Selection criteria include:

- 1) originality of the project,
- 2) perceived impact on advancing sustainability and nutrition in the UCR food system,
- 3) promise of successfully completing the project on time,
- 4) integration of the project into a Living Learning Laboratory environment, and
- 5) possibility of expansion of the project at the local, regional, national or global level

It is the applicant's responsibility to review applicable criteria and provide all required information.

Themes for Projects:

Student Engagement and Communication

This fellowship will focus on ways of engaging the campus populations, students in particular, around UCR's specific role in the GFI and in a broader sense of the role research, policy and natural resources play in food systems.

Besides proposing a specific GFI project, the GFI Coordinator will create a student engagement role at each campus for active GFI communication within each campus, and between campuses; arrange face-to-face early introductions of GFI Fellows to share ideas, set goals and develop collaborations that could be maintained throughout the academic year; increase frequency of campus-based interactions for GFI Fellows extend and broaden student conversations about food beyond traditional disciplines; and collect and share midterm project updates and provide a central resource to capture ongoing GFI Fellows' work.

Student engagement campus representatives will be responsible for communicating with GFI leadership and rallying GFI Fellows to:

- 1) Learn about and promote student opportunities in GFI projects and activities
- 2) Offer guidance on advancing campus-based student engagement in the GFI
- 3) Facilitate sharing of information and campus experiences between GFI Fellows
- 4) Provide student feedback and communicate campus needs and opportunities

GFI Web Developer

Projects should address:

- Centralized web "hub" for food and agriculture topics connecting CAFÉ (California Agriculture and Food Enterprise), Global Food Initiative (GFI), and GFI Food Security and Food Pantry.
- Host information related to the GFI fellows projects, past and present.
- The site will host videos from the GFI events/lectures, faculty and student GFI related activities.
- Listing of courses that address food related topics
- Listing of faculty working on projects that relate to the Global Food initiative or other food/ag topics.

Solar Greenhouse Food & Energy Analysis

Projects should address:

- Oversee monitoring of new Solar PV Greenhouse for food production, thermal comfort and energy use
- Evaluation of plant growth under solar PV greenhouse
- Evaluation of impact Solar PV Greenhouse has on carbon, water and energy footprints for various forms of food production
- Applicability of solar PV greenhouse retrofit for other campus greenhouses

Food Security

Projects should address:

- Effective management of campus food pantries.
- Methods for identifying food security need for students and staff
- Alternatives to food pantries for providing food security to campus stakeholders
- Engagement opportunities with greater campus community

Please complete the application form of the last page of this document and include:

- 1) Cover letter describing proposed project, 650 word max
- 2) Current resume with a list of extracurricular activities
- 3) One Reference Form completed by a campus affiliate (Faculty or Staff)

Applications must be submitted email to Dr. Peggy Mauk, peggy.mauk@ucr.edu

Application deadline EXTENDED: 5pm PST, Monday, May 22, 2017

Announcement of award: May 26, 2017

Fellowships begin June 26, 2017

Fellowships to be completed by June 30, 2018

For more information about the UC Global Food Initiative visit the following website:

<http://www.ucop.edu/initiatives/global-food-initiative.html>. More information on the Fellowships can be found by selecting “student involvement” on the website.

APPLICATION

To apply, fill out the form below as completely as possible.

If you have any questions regarding application procedures, please contact Peggy Mauk
peggy.mauk@ucr.edu or 951-827-5906.

All fields are mandatory.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street
Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ () - _____

Email Address: _____

Department: _____

Major: _____

Year: e.g., freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, 1st year graduate, etc. _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

- 1) Title and brief summary of project, 250 word max
- 2) Cover letter describing proposed project, 650 word max
- 2) Current resume with a list of extracurricular activities
- 3) One Reference Form completed by a campus affiliate (Faculty or Staff)