UC Global Food Initiative Fellowships
Applications for 2015-16 now Open

In support of the University of California’s Global Food Initiative (GFI), which commits the UC to develop and promote sustainable and nutritional food systems to meet an ever increasing global population, the UCR Global Food Initiative Committee is soliciting applications for the 2015-16 Global Food Initiative Fellowships.

A total of three $4,000 fellowships will be awarded (2 undergraduate students and 1 graduate student). These fellowships are non-need-based and intended to support global food related projects or research at the UCR campus. Although the theme for UCR’s GFI is “Healthy students, Healthy Campus, Healthy Community”, a wide range of GFI project ideas will be considered, such as: food security, health & nutrition, urban agriculture, integrated pest management, design of a website to feature UCR’s GFI research, programs, lectures and publications or other GFI related topics. These projects should contribute to improved health and nutrition and/ or educate the campus or broader community about the importance of production and access to healthy food.

In addition, one of the three GFI fellows will be appointed to lead student engagement and communications on campus for the Global Food Initiative. This student engagement campus representative will receive an additional GFI award of $500 and have the opportunity to participate in leadership meetings at UCOP in Oakland. If you would like to be considered for the role of GFI Fellow Coordinator, please indicate this on the on-line application.

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.

Selection criteria include:
1) originality of the project,
2) perceived impact on advancing GFI-related projects and research at UCR and/or educating the campus and broader community
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
Please complete the online form and submit:
- Cover letter describing proposed project, 650 word max
- Current resume
- Overall GPA, list of relevant classes
- List of extracurricular activities
- Two Reference Forms completed by a campus affiliate (Faculty or Staff)

1. Applications must be submitted electronically via UCR GFI Fellowships

Application deadline: 5pm PST, Monday, Sept. 14, 2015
Fellowships begin Oct. 12, 2015
Fellowships to be completed by June 30, 2016

If you have any questions regarding application procedures, please contact John Cook at john.cook@ucr.edu or directly at (951) 827-1270.

For more information about the UC Global Food Initiative, please visit the following website http://www.ucop.edu/initiatives/global-food-initiative.html.