

# Urban Agriculture and Education Internship Fall 2018

## OVERVIEW

This program offers UC Berkeley students the opportunity to intern with community, K-12 school and campus urban agriculture programs. Interns will be immersed and involved in the daily activities of the sites and receive two to three units of academic credit for participating: one unit per 45 hours through ESPM 197 Food Systems Minor or Education Minor W144. This is an unpaid internship. This is an excellent opportunity for a hands-on experience in the community with youth, local farms and small urban agriculture businesses. No gardening skills or teaching experience necessary!

**REQUIREMENTS** Minimum 6 to maximum 12 hours/week (min. 90 hours to max of 135 hours for the full fall semester) with commitment to regular days and times each week to be worked out with site coordinators. Fingerprinting and TB testing required; the cost will be covered by the program.

**APPLY** Send resume and cover letter **as a single pdf** to [megprier@berkeley.edu](mailto:megprier@berkeley.edu) by Sept. 1st. Indicate your top two sites.

## SITES

**Berkeley Unified School District: Gardening & Cooking Program (Up to 10 positions)** is a district-wide program that incorporates hands-on, interdisciplinary, experiential education in 17 school gardens and 4 kitchen classrooms, from preschool to high school. Instructors teach from a garden-based learning curriculum that is woven into academic standards and integrates social emotional development and early interaction with nature and food systems. Interns will be fully involved in classroom activities, by supporting with gardening, instruction, and classroom management. Please indicate if you would prefer: garden based learning in elementary; project-based in the garden in middle; or nutrition education with high school students. Interns will need to be self starters and able to model good behavior for students.

**Don Bugito (1 to 2 positions)** is a Pre-Hispanic snackeria, focuses on planet-friendly edible insect snacks. Don Bugito recently joined the O2 Aristans Aggregate in West Oakland to contribute to more sustainable edible insect farming. Interns will work with the small team to learn and support the daily operations at the West Oakland location.

**Fostering Urban Agriculture to Meet Food Needs at the Oxford Tract (1 to 2 positions)** is an ongoing agroecological experiment at the Oxford Tract Field Station, one block from campus. Managed by the lab of Tim Bowles, professor of agroecology, the project works to understand no-till and cover-cropping management practices adopted by small-scale urban farms. Harvest from the experiment is donated to the campus food pantry and surrounding community organizations. Interns will learn about production farming, agroecological research, and food distribution as an integral part of a diverse project team.

**Golden Garden at Clark Kerr: Ecological, Food-Producing Hillside (2 to 3 positions)** is an agroecological experiment at UC Berkeley's Clark Kerr Campus that merges agricultural production, landscape architecture, and innovative land management. Golden Garden has a wide variety of fruit trees whose harvest will be donated to the campus food pantry. Interns will support operations and maintenance and facilitate volunteer work days. Interns at this site may be expected to have more gardening experience and must be self-motivated and comfortable taking initiative.

**Oakland Unified School District: Garden, Nutrition, and Sustainability Program (Up to 5 positions)** is a district-wide program that uses a multi-faceted approach to providing urban students access to healthy, locally-produced food; understanding of food systems and natural cycles; engaging in experiential, standards-based garden and nutrition lessons; building self-reliance and character; and connecting to local community. OUSD has 20 school learning gardens and a food waste program in school cafeterias. Interns will work in gardens and cafeterias with classroom management, instruction, waste reduction and recovery, focused group work, waste data tracking, reporting, and student engagement.

**UC Gill Tract Community Farm (Up to 5 positions)** is a collaborative project between UC Berkeley and the local community, located in Albany. The Farm focuses on issues of food justice and urban farming and aims to be a community space and resource. It is a flagship for urban farming, growing over 18,000 pounds of vegetables a year and collaborating with over 30 different organizations across the East Bay. Interns will work directly with one or more of the Farm's Working Groups on different aspects of Farm production, programs, organization, funding and administration.

