About the Internship

“Enhancing the Food Security of Underserved Populations in the Northeast U.S. through Sustainable Regional Food Systems Development” is a Penn State University integrated project, taking place in the 12-state Northeast region and funded by the USDA’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (http://agsci.psu.edu/research/food-security). In Summer 2015, this project is hiring two paid interns to assist with the project’s community-based research and outreach activities in one of the project’s urban sites in Pittsburgh, working from the offices of Allegheny County Cooperative Extension. See below for more information regarding responsibilities, qualifications, and supervision.

Location
Allegheny Cooperative Extension Office, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Work Environment
Interns will be provided with desks/shared office space. Personal laptop is required (but accommodations may be made if necessary). Some work, such as community meetings, field trips, etc., will take place out of the office.

Responsibilities and Activities
Community engagement, networking building, policy advocacy and nonprofit leadership

Specific projects are to be determined, but may include participating in community engagement programming, organizing extension education opportunities such as farm tours and urban homesteading skills classes, assisting with programming to support new farmers, and/or working with diverse stakeholders on local food policy issues.

Time Commitment and Compensation
- 10 weeks, 40 hours/week, $10.50/hour (wage payroll)
- Start date June 1st - completion date August 7th 2015

Qualifications
- Current Community, Environment and Development (CED) or Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) student or May 2015 graduate
- Knowledge of community development and outreach principles and practices
- Demonstrated interest in or experience with sustainable, local and/or regional food systems
- Good communication skills (oral and written)
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently

Supervision
- Interns will be supervised jointly by Heather Mikulas of Allegheny Extension and Dawn Plummer, Director of the Pittsburgh Food Policy Council. Academic support will come from Penn State, University Park, by Dr. Clare Hinrichs, Professor of Rural Sociology, and Sarah Rocker, Ph.D. student in Rural Sociology
How to Apply
-Send completed internship application and resume to Sarah Rocker, Food Systems Project Internship Coordinator, (sjr260@psu.edu) by 5 pm Monday, March 16, 2015. Interviews will take place in late March for notification of placement by the first week of April.