

GoFarm's Community Food Internship

Position: Employment Status: Reports To:

Compensation: Start Date: End Date: Community Food Intern Part time, nonexempt (around 20 hrs/week) Community Food Access Program Director and Local Food Share Program Director \$18/hr plus a free weekly veggie share May 31st, 2023 End of October, 2023

About GoFarm

GoFarm is a nonprofit organization with a mission to train and support local farmers, connect people with local agriculture, and increase equitable access to nutrient-rich food grown in Colorado. GoFarm fulfills this mission by running three programs: Local Food Share, Community Food Access, and Farmer Development and Support.

The Local Food Share program (LFS) works with over 40 farms to operate a multi-farm, Community Supported Agriculture program—or CSA—where community members get a weekly or biweekly share of local, sustainably-grown food. Participants pick up their food each week from one of our three distribution sites located in Golden and Arvada. The <u>Community Food</u> <u>Access program (CFA)</u> makes healthy, local food more affordable and accessible in our community. We partner with community organizations to manage tailored projects that address food insecurity at a systems level. The <u>Farmer Development and Support program (FDS)</u> supports existing farmers and helps beginning farmers start and manage their own farm. GoFarm provides mentorship, stipends, access to land, and year round support to beginning farmers as well as educational opportunities to both new and experienced farmers. We are headquartered in Golden, Colorado. Learn more about us at <u>Gofarm.org</u>.

GoFarm offers two different internship opportunities: Community Food Internship and Market Farmer Internship. View each internship description on our <u>website</u>.

Community Food Internship Position Summary

GoFarm is seeking motivated, adaptable, and passionate individuals to fill the GoFarm Community Food internship positions. Interns will increase their knowledge of our local food system in Colorado, play an integral role in connecting local farmers to people in the community, and learn the essential operations of a nonprofit. They will work closely with the LFS and CFA Program Directors, as well as other staff and interns in a fun and collaborative team culture. Primary intern responsibilities will include assisting with food distribution for the LFS and CFA programs, providing excellent customer service, and engaging with local farmers and food justice issues. A final scope of work will be determined based on organizational needs and the intern's strengths and interests.

Responsibilities and Opportunities

- Manage one of the LFS distribution locations, including setup and cleanup, conducting produce inventory, tracking customer data, managing volunteers, providing customer service, and problem solving
- Receive and organize produce deliveries from farmers
- Comply with GoFarm's Food Safety Plan
- Educate community members about local produce
- Manage setup, cleanup, and operations of CFA markets, including produce inventory, loading and unloading produce and supplies, creating marketing displays, and providing customer service
- Keep records of sales and handle payments at CFA markets, including cash, credit, SNAP/EBT, Double Up Food Bucks, and various other economic incentives
- Assist with educational and fun childrens' activities at CFA markets
- Occasionally conduct or assist with food sampling or cooking demonstrations
- Represent GoFarm by providing excellent customer service during LFS distributions and CFA markets, helping people pick out their produce and answering their questions
- Assist with program evaluation and provide feedback to GoFarm staff
- Assist with communications and marketing
- Attend orientation and submit onboarding documentation
- Option to attend Farmer Development and Support workshops
- Attend occasional meetings with community partners
- Learn about local producers and farmers, and help convey information about these local growers to community members
- Participate and engage in education and conversations about race, identity, privilege, and inequity
- Have the opportunity to tour some of the local farms that participate in our programs

Working Conditions

- At least one day every week:
 - Several consecutive hours outdoors, exposed to the elements, standing for long periods of time
 - Several consecutive hours inside a mobile market truck
- Occasionally working in adverse weather conditions including rain, snow, high wind, and in both the heat and the cold
- Regularly moving large boxes and crates of produce, up to 50 lbs.
- Working in-person with the public
- May include optional remote computer-based work (Zoom meetings, spreadsheets, etc.)
- May need to drive GoFarm van to transport food between locations

Skills and Qualifications

- Flexible, willing to learn, comfortable taking initiative, and willing to ask questions when needed
- Willing to engage with and be welcoming toward customers and passersby
- Passionate about local food, food equity, and sustainable food systems
- Willing and committed to learning about inequity within the food system, advancing food justice, and working toward a more equitable food system. To learn more about GoFarm's commitment to equity, click <u>here</u>.
- Must be willing to work some evening and morning shifts
- Conversant in English, fluency not required
- Must have a reliable form of transportation
- Must be 18 or older
- Must be compliant with our COVID-19 Policy

<u>Bonus!</u>

- Bilingual
- Valid Driver's License & clean driving record
- Willing, capable, and comfortable driving a box truck

How to Apply:

To apply, please complete this <u>google form</u>. Applications will be accepted until **March 31, 2023**. Please direct any questions to <u>localfoodshare@gofarm.org</u>, with the subject line, "GoFarm Community Food Internship."

GoFarm follows an equal opportunity employment policy and employs personnel without regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligations, marital status, transgender status, gender identity, ancestry, gender, political service, affiliation or disability.

We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where diversity is valued and recognized as a source of strength and enrichment. We seek to attract talented people from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures, including people of color.