

Food Systems, Public Lands & Hunting Program

Now Hiring

\$20,000, 20 hrs/week

October 2023-May 2024



The Food Systems, Public Lands, and Hunting Program is hiring three Graduate Assistants to work with one of three organizations (the Center for Public Lands, Hunters of Color, or the Coldharbour Institute) to establish a new array of internship positions for undergraduate students.

With the support of the Project Director and Faculty Mentors, Graduate Assistants will:

- Identify new internship pathways in partnership with their host organization
- Develop curriculum designed to onboard and train undergraduate interns
- Mentor and support undergraduates through their internships

This program will offer graduate students experience mentoring and supervising a team; it will offer undergraduates experiential learning linked to food and agriculture career pathways; and it will build our community's capacity to develop the next generation of diverse food systems practitioners, including producers, public land managers, and hunters.

To apply to work with the organization of your choice, send a cover letter and resume to the organization's contact listed below. Please use the subject heading 'FSPLH - Internship Program.' Applications will be reviewed as they are received.



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Position Description:

The Graduate Assistantship, supported by the USDA's National Institute of Food & Agriculture, will work to establish new undergraduate internship pathways in collaboration with one of three program partners: The [Center for Public Lands](#), the [Coldharbour Institute](#), and [Hunters of Color](#). Working directly with one of these organizations, Graduate Assistants will:

- **Identify and clarify internship positions** for the Spring 2024 semester
- Develop **recruitment** materials and engage in recruitment activities to generate undergraduate excitement about the internship positions
- Create, implement, and evaluate materials designed to **onboard and train** undergraduate interns - with a focus on **inclusive** approaches - prior to their work with partner organizations
- **Mentor and support** undergraduates as they carry out their internships

In order to fully understand and connect with the organizations they serve, about one quarter of the Graduate Assistants' work with their organization will include direct participation in the operations of that organization (e.g. attending meetings, assisting with planning sessions, contributing to general recruitment and outreach efforts, and supporting events). Graduate Assistants will meet weekly with the program's project director (Kate Clark). Regular meetings with a representative from the given partner organization will be determined by each organization.

Three Graduate Assistantship Positions Available with:

Center for Public Lands: Western Colorado University's Center for Public Lands is a hub for cross-boundary land management and study. This training and resource center brings together students, land managers, and communities with a goal to develop creative responses to contemporary land management challenges. We are an educational and community-serving institution working at the nexus of service, science and scholarship.

Coldharbour Institute: Coldharbour Institute is a learning laboratory where we demonstrate regenerative living practices that bring health to our bodies, land, and communities. It is our mission to educate and empower youth and community members to make an impact in sustainability and regenerative solutions for our community and beyond. We work with students, industry professionals, and community members of all ages to envision a thriving community that is restored, revitalized, and ultimately regenerated through our interactions with the land.

Hunters of Color: Our mission is to create accessible, equitable opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and All People of Color (BIPOC) in conservation and hunting by dismantling barriers to entry through educational opportunities, mentorship, and providing resources.

Students in the [Master of Environmental Management](#) program at Western Colorado University are welcome to apply.



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