

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

PAID
INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITY FOR
STUDENTS IN ALL
MAJORS

Agriculture and Food Systems Fellows Program

Earn course credit and get paid to work with professionals to strengthen the local food system!

Apply by October 28, 2022



USDA NIFA

\$750,000 for a 5 year program

The Rhode Island Agriculture and Food Systems Fellowship Program (AFSFP)

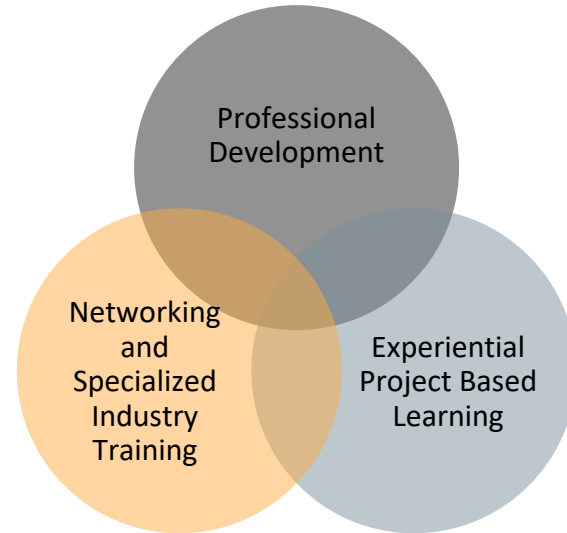
A model for student engagement in agricultural science and policy that incorporates experiential learning intern-/externships with

- Academic and industry experts
- Academic coursework in leadership and professional skill development,
- Academic coursework in science communication and community-led engagement,
- And a program-wide commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in the food system in Rhode Island through conversation and sensitivity training for all program participants.

Agriculture and Food Systems Fellows Program

What is the RI Agriculture and Food Systems Fellows Program (AFSFP)?

- A **PAID** full year (Jan-Dec) internship for CCRI and URI students of all majors interested in food system-related careers. Students will also receive course credit.
- Students are selected for placements with nonprofits, organizations, farms, government agencies or university faculty to work on food-system related projects.
- Fellows will receive in-depth professional development and industry training as well as extensive networking opportunities.



RI Agriculture and Food Systems Fellows Program

A partnership between/for CCRI and URI students



2023 MENTOR ORGANIZATIONS



Healthy Communities Office
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PROGRAM ADVISORS

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MENTORS

Supervise a 400-hour project-based learning opportunity for a student.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Lead an educational session and/or networking opportunity for students.

PROGRAM ADVISORS

Serve as a sounding board to ensure the program addresses timely, critical AFS issues.

PROGRAM STAFF

Manage student recruitment and placement, instruct academic courses, curate student trainings and support mentors and students.

Real World Projects Focusing on



Courses

ITR 301 & ITR 303- Professional Development Seminar

The Internship Seminar allows students to come together as a learning community to share internship experiences with their peers and instructor and reflect upon their meaning within a safe forum. The academic assignments are specifically designed with the intent to enrich the learning experience throughout the internship. Some additional goals students will complete in seminar are:

- Articulate and apply principles learned in and outside the classroom
- Complete assignments that encourage in-depth reflection of the internship experience
- Gain self-understanding, self-confidence, and interpersonal skills
- Develop work competencies and skills for a specific profession or occupation

Summer Industry Training Series

The training series is intended to provide the fellows with an overview of our local food system, including infrastructure, markets and policy initiatives in the region via site visits, tours, service-learning opportunities and lectures.





Eligible students

Students in any year, from *any* major that:

- Show a passion in sustainability and our local food system.
- Will be enrolled through Dec 2023
- Are willing to work 400 paid internship hours and;
- Are willing to attend training and networking sessions throughout the year (Jan - Dec)

How to Apply?

Go to URI or CCRI's Handshake platform!

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