

Position Title: Research Intern - Community Food Systems Data Project – Greater Lansing

Position Location and Logistics:

- Office location will be in Ingham County, specific location to be determined.
- Personal transportation/mobility necessary.
- Student will maintain business casual attire.
- The work is tentatively planned for ten 40 hour weeks beginning in May 2014 and running through August 2014; some flexibility may exist.
- Salary \$11.25 per hour

Position Functions:

- Conduct significant internet research
- Update and expand the web site where food systems information is accessed and viewed by the community and other researchers
- Assist with the development and delivery of presentations
- Assist in marketing the website to appropriate audiences
- Assist with outreach activities conducted by Extension Educators, community professionals and volunteers

Desirable Skills and/or Experience:

- Exceptional internet research skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Demonstrated ability to build web sites
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to reach out to scholars for assistance in developing descriptions and interpretation of data presented
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use computer software programs, especially web development software
- Ability to effectively interact with both community residents and professionals
- Ability to manage the demands of multiple project segments and deadlines
- Ability to work independently
- Student applicants may include full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at Michigan State University. Candidates will ideally attained junior or senior undergraduate student status or be a graduate student.

Background Summary: In Lansing and its surrounding region, many individuals and organizations are interested in the impacts that food-related programs and enterprises are making. There are multiple sectors to the food system including consumers, producers, distributors, retailers, restaurants and waste managers. What are the financial impacts, the employments impacts, the health impacts and overall contributions to the Lansing area's well-being? There has been forward progress in some of these sectors recently. But what sectors have room for improvement? Moreover, how would one measure progress if there's no baseline in which to compare?

MSU Extension in Ingham County is seeking an intern who possesses **exceptional** internet research and web publishing skills to help update and publish food system-related impacts for the Tri-county region. Much of these data are available, but not aggregated into a single, easily accessible format and place that's specific to our region. Other public data is old, some even from the mid-90s, and more current data is desirable.

The web site will be managed and expanded by the intern where these data can be accessed by the community.

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