



Region IV Public Health Training Center
***Pathways to Practice Scholar* Field Placement Program**
Summer Scholar Position

AGENCY: The Food Literacy Project at Oxmoor Farm, Inc.

POSITION TITLE: KY Food Literacy Intern

LOCATION: 9001 LIMEHOUSE LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40222

AGENCY WEBSITE: www.foodliteracyproject.org

DESIRED START DATE: June 1, 2016

DESCRIPTION:

The following position is offered as a field placement through the Region IV Public Health Training Center (<http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc>).

As a nonprofit education partner to an 8-acre production vegetable farm in Louisville, KY, the Food literacy Project inspires a new generation to build healthy relationships with food, farming, and the land. In a time of great concern about rising obesity rates, lack of access to fresh foods, as well as the cultural disconnection between people, food and the earth, the Food Literacy Project engages youth, families, teens, adults and educators, and nutrition services personnel, promoting community health and increased engagement with the food system and the natural world.

Our comprehensive Field-to-Fork Program includes Farm-Based Education, Professional Development, Family Engagement, Youth Development, Community Outreach, and Food Access activities. Participants have access to a working farm, including 8 acres of crops, greenhouses, farmers, and an outdoor teaching kitchen. Youth and families explore healthful foods, experience the work of farming, and harvest, cook and eat vegetables fresh from the fields. Youth and families also engage in experiential learning through our teen Youth Community Agriculture Program, and school-based Field-to-Fork Clubs and Family Engagement programs. Participants discover the power of growing, cooking, and eating real food, while increasing leadership skills and supportive relationships.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student may support:

- **Direct service work:** Serving as an educator alongside fellow staff and volunteers during Field-to-Fork programs on the farm and at local schools and community-based organizations. Programs are typically scheduled Tuesdays – Thursdays and Saturdays. Summer Youth Community Agriculture Program placement will require consistent direct service Tuesday-Friday for 7 weeks during the summer months. Academic Youth Community Agriculture Program placement will require 10-15 hours per week direct service.
- **Program planning and evaluation:** Ongoing data collection and entry for our direct service programs, as well as program and evaluation planning for a new academic year track of our Youth Community Agriculture Program (YCAP) for Louisville teens.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- 1) Assist in planning and direct service of the Summer Youth Community Agriculture Program and/or Academic Youth Community Agriculture Program.
- 2) Work with program staff and volunteers to facilitate hands-on programs on a working vegetable farm and at local schools and community-based organizations.
- 3) Conduct ongoing data entry (pre-post program surveys, etc.)

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

- 1) Analytic/Assessment
- 2) Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
- 3) Communication
- 4) Cultural Competency Skills
- 5) Leadership and Systems Thinking

Note: The student will be provided workspace, however s/he must supply their own laptop computer, as the organization is unable to provide one at this time.

HOUSING INFORMATION: If the candidate is selected, the student is responsible to search for summer housing.

TRAVEL: The student may support/ observe direct service programs at local schools and community-based organizations throughout the Louisville community. They may also be asked to attend community meetings or events.

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
- Demonstrates pride in work and possesses a high level of attention to detail.
- Self-directed and organized, with exceptional written and verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge of capacity building
- Shares a commitment to Food Literacy Project's mission.
- Adaptability and independence, with a willingness to seek and accept direction as appropriate.
- Demonstrated experience as a staff member or volunteer with a small, community-based, nonprofit organization.
- Experience working with diverse populations, especially underserved youth.
- Must be physically able to work outdoors and participate in farm programs in all weather conditions.
- Must pass criminal background check.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Candidates must be masters-level graduate public health students from accredited schools and programs of public health located in Region IV PHTC states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

Students graduating before August 2016 are not eligible for this position.

Please include an unofficial transcript, writing sample, 5 references (3 professional, 2 personal). Your cover letter should include the agency name and citizenship or visa status.

If a candidate is selected, they must complete a Criminal Background Check.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: U.S. Citizen, Permanent U.S. Resident

Citizenship statement: The Region IV Public Health Training Center is a federally-funded program which has a citizenship requirement. To be eligible to apply for this position, you must be either a U.S. citizen, a non-citizen U.S. national, or a foreign national having in your possession a visa permitting permanent residence in the U.S.

AWARD LEVEL:

\$1500 AWARD

* NOTE: STUDENT HOUSING AND TRAVEL COSTS WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE PROGRAM BEYOND THE TOTAL \$1500 AWARD.

DURATION: June, July, August 2016

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: 40 hours per week

**Students may be limited in the minimum or maximum number of hours they can work per semester based on their university, school or degree's policies. If this work will be also be used as a practicum experience, the student should verify those requirements. Students should abide by their university policies.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the "Student Scholar Field Placement Guidebook" for more details about the Pathways to Practice Scholars Program and requirements. It is located on the Field Placements page of the Region IV PHTC website: <http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc>.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please submit the required documents including a resume and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status to:

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