



## **Farm to School Internship**

FoodChain is a small nonprofit in downtown Lexington dedicated to connecting people with their food through education and demonstration of a local, sustainable food economy. We are building an urban community space for people to engage with all aspects of a food economy: growing, processing, and distribution. We currently operate an indoor commercial aquaponics farm and a teaching and processing kitchen while providing correlated educational programming. Part of this education includes the Farm to School program.

The purpose of Farm to School in Fayette County is to provide 1) more local food to public school cafeterias and 2) education for students surrounding the environmental, economic, and human health benefits of purchasing and consuming local food. This position is focused on researching and implementing techniques to increase participation in this program as well as expanding curriculum targeted towards high school students.

### **Internship Option #1**

#### *Student Engagement Internship*

This internship will provide someone with experience in school administration and policies as well as institutional purchasing of local food. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Develop methods to further engage high school students around benefits local food and its presence in the lunch line
- Create and implement surveys determining causes for low lunch purchases among some FCPS high schools.
- Use survey results to create a persuasive report to present to school administration for joint efforts to increase school lunch purchases.
- Promote a new app that allows students and parents to rate and provide feedback about school lunch items.

### **Internship Option #2**

#### *School Garden Internship*

This internship will provide someone with experience in community development and partnership facilitation in creating a more cohesive outdoor classroom (i.e. school garden) collaboration. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Connecting community partners and outdoor classroom educators to exchange needs and resources for successful gardening programs.
- Create a resource guide made available to outdoor classroom educators.
- Determine feasibility and challenges for outdoor classroom educators incorporating cooking their harvests into their existing programs.

Interns for either internship position should be able to demonstrate excellent computer skills, outstanding attention to detail, strong organizational abilities, strong writing and verbal communication skills, and the ability to juggle multiple tasks. There is preference to those with a strong interest in public school education and the national local food movement.

This is an unpaid internship. The dates and duration are flexible as well as the hours. We can accommodate anywhere between 15-20 hours per week, mostly weekdays with some opportunities to work from home.

If interested please email your resume and cover letter to Reena Martin at [Reena@foodchainlex.org](mailto:Reena@foodchainlex.org).