

Innovation Institute for Food & Health

Graduate Student Chancellor's Fellow Program - Summer 2016

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 25, 2016

FOCUS PROJECT

The <u>Innovation Institute</u> stands at the nexus of food, agriculture and health, with the opportunity to facilitate grand changes at the interface of prevailing global challenges. The Chancellor's fellow would be working between pilot projects that address food insecurity in Yolo County and beyond, bringing together strategic partners in food science, public health and policy to examine the large-scale implications of developing a sustainable solution to pervasive nutrition insecurity.

We are looking for a dedicated graduate student to review and assess the policy implications of a new public-private collaboration between the Yolo Food Bank, local farmers, local processers, UC Davis (Food Science, Nutrition, Public Health), UC Cooperative Extension, and community network Family Hui – potentially moving beyond the local scale to international comparisons. "Feeding Yolo and Beyond" (FYAB) is currently a pilot project working with Yolo County families with children ages 1-5 years old, capturing the abundance of locally grown produce available to the Yolo Food Bank to create a delicious, nutrient-dense, shelf-stable product that reflects the cultural preferences of predominant food insecure families. Reviewing the policy implications of designing a sustainable solution to food insecurity will become a valuable dimension of the work, involving consultation with broader Innovation Institute partners, such as PolicyLink.

Project Questions: Please contact Lupe Sanchez, Center Manager, Center for Poverty Research

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STUDY PROGRAM

Emerging Leaders in Policy and Public Service (ELIPPS) CA Fellows 2016

Applications Open until March 25, 2016 by 5 pm PST

This program will offer selected candidates an opportunity to do a summer public policy fellowship in either a state agency or state legislature or a non-profit or one of the policy centers listed in the questionnaire (see below). Please review the checklist below carefully before you fill out the questionnaire.

Eligibility:

- Currently pursuing a Masters/PhD degree/JD/DVM in College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, Division of Social Sciences, Division of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, School of Education, School of Veterinary Medicine, or School of Law
- Would be willing to work for a total of 240 hours over the summer during the period of fellowship in the recruiting agency/center
- Strong interest in pursuing a career in public or science policy after graduation

<u>Application:</u> All application materials should be submitted to Amandeep Kaur at ackaur@ucdavis.edu by March 25, 2016 by 5 pm PST

- Statement of Intent: Why would you like to apply for ELIPPS Internship Program? Please provide your statement of intent in MS Word describing your interest in public and science policy (up to 700 words)
- A current CV in MS Word format
- 2 letters of recommendation including one from your PhD/thesis advisor (in case you are pursuing a PhD or an MS with a thesis plan) should be submitted to Amandeep Kaur at ackaur@ucdavis.edu
- A completed questionnaire (which contains info on the placements) at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ELIPPSFellows2016

Selection Process:

There will be a 3 step process in selecting and placing the applicants. Each candidate will be screened based on her/his written application and letters of recommendation, and finalists will be called for in person interviews. The last step will involve matching selected candidates to an agency or a policy center on UC Davis campus based on their preferences and the needs of the agency or a particular UC Davis policy center.

Position Description:

The selected candidates will serve as fellows in the matched agencies, non-profit organizations or the policy centers on campus. They will do policy related work which may range from doing policy research, providing scientific feedback on critical issues, writing policy briefs, and memos to doing analysis on a bill. Selected candidates are expected to work up to a total of 240 hours during the course of the fellowship. They will decide upon the exact schedule in consultation with their fellowship coordinator and Amandeep. The starting and ending date will be decided together by the hiring agency/center, applicant and the ELIPPS Director. There will be a compensation provided at a 47% GSR scale (\$6100) during the period of fellowship. Selected fellows will be required to fill a weekly journal based on their weekly activities and will be required to attend an orientation and monthly check in meetings with Amandeep.

Placements:

The ELIPPS CA Fellows cohort of 2016 will have 12 fellows. 7 of them will work with external agencies which will be decided during the placement interview of the chosen candidates. 5 candidates will be placed and affiliated with the policy centers on UC Davis campus. Details on the policy center placements are here. For last year's placements please see here.

Program Questions: Please contact Amandeep Kaur, ELIPPS Director

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