



UC Global Food Fellowships

Applications for 2019-2020 now Open

In support of the University of California's Global Food Initiative, which commits the UC to develop and promote sustainable and nutritional food systems to meet an ever-increasing global population, the UCR Global Food Committee is soliciting applications for the 2019-20 **Global Food Fellowship**.

A total of two \$3,000 fellowships will be awarded by UCOP. These fellowships are intended to support Global Food Initiative related projects at the UCR campus. Projects addressing each of the themes outlined below will be considered. These projects should contribute to improved health and nutrition and educate the campus community about the importance of sustainable food and agriculture systems.

To qualify for consideration of a fellowship, you must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at the University of California, Riverside. Fellows are expected to participate in campus and system-wide GFI meetings, attend UCR GFI events and achieve all milestones approved in the scope of their projects in a timely manner.

In addition to the three GFI Student Fellows, each of the 10 campuses will select one GFI Student Ambassador to lead student engagement and communications efforts on that campus for the Global Food Initiative. To ensure that these representatives have the knowledge necessary to engage other students in the GFI, campuses are strongly encouraged to select a student who has previously served as a GFI Fellow. Ambassadors will receive a \$3,000 award, plus an additional \$500 budget for campus programming which needs to be tracked and expenditures reported. The Ambassador appointment is intended as a dedicated role for a third fellow. Please see the attached document for additional information on the GFI Ambassador responsibilities.

Fellows are expected to attend an orientation on July 8, 2019 at UC Santa Barbara. The orientation for the 2019-20 cohort will be a combined event (2019-20 cohort)

orientation + 2018-19 cohort symposium), bringing together both the incoming and outgoing GFI and CNI Student Fellows. Systemwide activities will also include a leadership retreat for Ambassadors October 4-6, 2019, a spring field trip in 2020, and a closing symposium and poster presentation to be held in conjunction with the CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) in June/July 2020. Additional activities may include quarterly conference calls, attendance at meetings of GFI leadership and participation in GFI-related activities in support of the initiative. Please note, barring exceptional circumstances, all GFI Student Fellows and Ambassadors are required to attend the systemwide events. Given the timing of this year's orientation, campus application materials should note the July 8, 2019 date and the expectation that if selected as a Fellow, students will be available to attend.

Selection criteria include:

Originality of the project,

- Perceived impact on advancing sustainability and nutrition in the UCR food system,
- Promise of successfully completing the project on time,
- Integration of the project into a Living Learning Laboratory environment, and
- Possibility of expansion of the project at the local, regional, national or global level

It is the applicant's responsibility to review applicable criteria and provide all required information.

Themes for Projects:

1- GFI Student Ambassador/Student Engagement and Communication

This fellowship will focus on ways of engaging the campus populations, especially students, around UCR's specific role in the GFI and in a broader sense of the role research, policy and natural resources play in food systems. Besides proposing a specific GFI project, the GFI Coordinator will create a student engagement role at each campus for active GFI communication within each campus, and between campuses; arrange face-to-face early introductions of GFI Fellows to share ideas, set goals and develop collaborations that could be maintained throughout the academic year; increase frequency of campus-based interactions for GFI Fellows extend and broaden student conversations about food beyond traditional disciplines; and collect and share midterm project updates and provide a central resource to capture ongoing GFI Fellows' work.

Student engagement campus representatives will be responsible for communicating with GFI leadership and rallying GFI Fellows to:

- 1) Learn about and promote student opportunities in GFI projects and activities
- 2) Offer guidance on advancing campus-based student engagement in the GFI
- 3) Facilitate sharing of information and campus experiences between GFI Fellows
- 4) Provide student feedback and communicate campus needs and opportunities

Please see the attached document for additional information on the GFI Ambassador responsibilities.

2 - GFI Web Developer

Projects should address:

- Centralized web "hub" for food and agriculture topics connecting CAFÉ (California Agriculture and Food Enterprise), Global Food Initiative (GFI), Healthy Campus Initiative and GFI Food Security and Food Pantry.
- Host information related to the GFI fellows projects, past and present.
- The site will host videos from the GFI events/lectures, faculty and student GFI related activities.
- Listing of courses that address food related topics
- Listing of faculty working on projects that relate to the Global Food initiative or other food/ag topics.

- Note- Active participation in the student engagement blog (including at least quarterly updates), [Campus Voices for Food and Climate Sustainability](#) is required.

3 - Sustainable Food production and Food Security

This fellowship funds a student project building in the areas of sustainable food production and food security and basic needs, on the UCR campus and in the surrounding community. This GFI fellowship encourages the development of a project focusing on experiential learning and showing both intent and capacity to contribute to transformational changes toward an alternative and more just food system.

Projects should address one or more of the following:

- Community health and well-being (i.e. academic and co-curricular programs on the impact of food choices on our health and our planet)
- Fair and equitable food system (i.e. dining-service innovations in procurement, menus, and kitchen operations, and farmers markets and community supported agriculture (CSAs))
- Food security and accessibility (i.e. Alternatives to food pantries for providing food security to campus stakeholders)
- Ecological footprint (i.e. Vertical farming, hydroponic, aquaponic food production systems projects, and hands-on experiences in community gardens and campus farm)
- Engagement opportunities with greater campus community
- Note- Active participation in the student engagement blog (including at least quarterly updates), [Campus Voices for Food and Climate Sustainability](#) is required.

Please complete the application form on the last page of this document and include:

1. The theme you are applying for: 1 - GFI Ambassador; 2 - GFI Web Design; 3 - Sustainable Food production and Food Security
2. Title and brief summary of project, 250-word max
3. Cover letter describing proposed project, 650-word max
4. Current resume with a list of extracurricular activities

Please combine in 1 file (PDF or word document) all the above items (1 to 4) and name the file: **your first_last name_ucrgfi2019** (example: Tom_Smith_ucrgfi2019)

5. Include one Reference Form completed by a campus affiliate (Faculty or Staff). Name this file: **your first_last name_reference_ucrgfi2019** (example: Tom_Smith_reference_ucrgfi2019)

Applications must be submitted by email to the GFI Committee at ucrgfi2019@gmail.com

Application deadline: 5pm PST, Friday, May 24, 2019

Announcement of award: May 31, 2019

Fellowships begin June 30, 2019

Orientation at UC Santa Barbara July 8, 2019

Fellowships to be completed by June 30, 2020

For more information about the UC Global Food Initiative visit the following website: <http://www.ucop.edu/initiatives/global-food-initiative.html>. More information on the Fellowships can be found by selecting “student involvement” on the website.

The GFI Student Ambassador role formed in response to a need for increased student engagement in the Global Food Initiative both systemwide and at the campus level. With their interests and on-the-ground involvement in food issues, the student researchers of the GFI Fellowship Program are a natural fit for these engagement efforts.

The Ambassador's role is a dedicated role for a third fellow who will receive an award of \$3,000 plus a \$500 programming budget. The expectations for this role are outlined below.

To ensure Ambassadors have familiarity with the Global Food Initiative and the knowledge necessary to engage other students, it is strongly recommended that campuses select Ambassadors from students who have previously served as GFI Fellows. To facilitate knowledge transfer, we request that you introduce the current Ambassador to the incoming Ambassador so that they may meet informally prior to the summer break. Each current Ambassador should provide written guidance for the incoming Ambassador.

Job Description

The appointed GFI Student Ambassador serves as the GFI student engagement go-to person for their campus. Ambassadors will be invited to participate in leadership meetings of the Global Food Initiative where they will share their student voice, report out on student engagement activities, and connect with GFI working group leaders across the system. By accepting the job of GFI Ambassador, you agree to the following responsibilities:

Student Engagement

- Promote student awareness of the Global Food Initiative and campus student fellow projects (e.g., table about the GFI, engage student leaders and student organizations in discussions about the GFI, disseminate information across the campus as requested, etc.)
- Network and/or help assist with publicizing campus events related to GFI activities
- Infuse, where appropriate, GFI branding into campus events, including:
 - Coordinate on-campus activities in conjunction with Food Day in October
 - Coordinate on-campus activities in conjunction with Earth Day in April
- Support efforts to rollout outcomes from GFI Working Groups

Meetings

- Meet with GFI leaders/working groups on your campus (e.g., Food Access and Security and Healthy Campus Initiative) on your campus to learn about the ongoing GFI work and how you can support through engagement
- Join Ambassador systemwide conference calls
- Actively participate in the student engagement blog (including at least quarterly updates), [Campus Voices for Food and Climate Sustainability](#)
- Attend in person GFI leadership meetings
- Participate actively in GFI Working Group meetings and subcommittee meetings
- Attend the GFI/CNI Orientation/CHESC symposium (July 8, 2019 and June/July 2020)
- Attend the GFI/CNI Leadership meeting (Winter 2019/20)
- Attend the GFI Field Trip (Spring 2020)

Reporting

- Submit quarterly updates via the survey from the GFI Program Manager, along with other GFI working group leaders, sharing the status of engagement efforts
- Year-end report on how the \$500 programming budget is spent in support of student engagement due June 30, 2020
- Provide student feedback and communicate campus needs and opportunities
- Offer guidance on advancing campus-based student engagement in the GFI

APPLICATION

To apply, fill out the form below as completely as possible.

If you have any questions regarding application procedures, please contact Tamara Hedges tamara.hedges@ucr.edu or 760-834-0582.

All fields are mandatory.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street
Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Department: _____

Major: _____

Year: e.g., freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, 1st year graduate, etc. _____

Cumulative GPA: _____