



FARM TRIP INTERNS – SUMMER 2016 (unpaid)

Application Deadline: May 23rd

ABOUT JUST FOOD

Just Food's mission is to empower and support community leaders in their efforts to advocate for and increase access to locally and sustainably grown food, especially in underserved NYC neighborhoods. Just Food provides training and education to community members to help them launch projects like farmers' markets and CSAs, provide education in basic culinary and urban agriculture skills for their neighbors, and advocate to make their corner of New York City a healthier place to live and eat.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Just Food's Farm-to-Pantry program connects local, family farmers with food pantries in order to bring farm fresh produce to New York City's most vulnerable residents. Last year we worked with eight regional farmers and 48 emergency food programs in all five boroughs to deliver over 280,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables. In addition, through initiatives like our farm trips, Just Food creates opportunities for food pantry staff, volunteers, and clients to learn new cooking skills, develop relationships with regional farmers, and participate in a local, sustainable food system.

Just Food seeks two Farm Trip Interns for the summer through early fall season. Interns will provide support to Just Food and its network of food pantries by performing outreach for farm trips, communicating trip details to pantry staff and clients, helping with day-of logistics, and conducting follow-up surveys and evaluation. Interns will gain a stronger understanding of the emergency food world in New York City and farm-to-pantry models, while building community outreach and professional communication skills.

Responsibilities will include:

- Representing Just Food and its Farm-to-Pantry program during site visits to our network of food pantries throughout New York City.
- Conducting outreach in person and over the phone to register food pantry staff, volunteers, and clients for Just Food's farm trips.
- Attending five pre-scheduled farm trips and helping with day-of logistics, including preparing materials, designing games and activities, and providing general support as needed.
- Collecting surveys and photo release forms and recording feedback from farm trip attendees.
- Providing additional administrative support to Just Food's Farm-to-Pantry Manager as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Comfort with starting conversations with new people from all neighborhoods and backgrounds.
- Desire to interact with groups that span racial, social, gender and economic divides; ability to represent Just Food's work to diverse audiences.
- Interest in food justice and food pantry work.
- Ability to travel by public transit within all five boroughs.
- Flexibility, resourcefulness and a great sense of humor.
- Reliability, punctuality and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Ability to speak Spanish preferred, but not required.
- Graphic design skills or an artistic eye not required, but a plus.

TIME FRAME

10-20 hours per week on weekdays, plus five full days (10-12 hours) spent on farm trips. Interns will start as soon as possible, and must be able to commit at least through September 5th, with preference given to applicants who can continue for an additional 5-10 hours per week through mid-October.

COMPENSATION

This internship is unpaid, although the organization will cover transportation costs to and from food pantry sites. Just Food is happy to work with students so that they may receive school credit when possible. Just Food will also provide interns with a positive reference upon successful completion of their internship.

HOW TO APPLY

This position reports to Sonya Kharas, Farm-to-Pantry Manager. Please send an email to sonya@justfood.org with the subject line "Farm Trip Intern" **by Monday, May 23rd** along with your resume, your weekly availability, and a cover letter that describes why you are interested in interning with Just Food's Farm-to-Pantry program.

If your application has been selected for consideration, Sonya will contact you by May 27th to schedule an interview. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Just Food!