



SAGE Research Internship - Summer 2018

Position overview

Sustainable Agriculture Education ([SAGE](#)) is an entrepreneurial nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing multi-functional agriculture near cities and fostering vital food systems that connect urban and rural communities. We are seeking a summer intern to provide research assistance for two interconnected SAGE projects: the *Bay Area Agriculture and Food Strategy* and *San Jose Food Works*.

Bay Area Agriculture and Food Strategy (BAAFS)

This project builds on SAGE's recent economic analysis of our region's agriculture and food sector: the [Bay Area Food Economy: Existing Conditions and Strategies for Resilience](#). This white paper assesses the sector's contributions, vulnerabilities and opportunities, and also identifies specific strategies, actions, investment needs, and implementation agents necessary to build on the food sector's assets and address its challenges.

Research intern tasks will include the following:

- Provide research assistance for: 1) identifying organizations that offer training and education programs across the food value chain to assess whether additional resources could help up-skill the workforce and provide pathways to better jobs; 2) developing a proof of concept for a regional agriculture and food communications and branding campaign; and 3) assessing needs of the food distributions and processing sector for investments needed to build capacity and resilience.
- Assist in organizing meetings for the BAAFS working group, comprised of leaders in food sector businesses, related advocacy organizations, and economic development entities

San Jose Food Works

The 2016 [San Jose Food Works](#) study analyzed the economic activity of San Jose's food sector and presented a compelling vision and strategies for addressing investment needs and opportunities. During the past year, we have focused on two projects that came out of the study: a Wholesale Food Market Feasibility Analysis and a Food Business Incubator Needs Assessment.

Research intern tasks will include the following:

- Provide research assistance for the Wholesale Food Market Feasibility Analysis
- Assist in implementation of Food Business Incubator Needs Assessment recommendations

Qualifications

- Excellent research and communication skills
- Excellent computer skills; experience with WordPress, and Adobe Suite is desirable
- Interest or experience in food/agriculture is desirable, but not required
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Schedule and Workplace

Position can be 20 – 40 hours per week for 10 - 12 weeks. Start date can be mid-May to early June. Hours are flexible with weekly tasks and scheduled meetings. Work place is the SAGE office in the David Brower Center in downtown Berkeley; working off-site is fine. The position has a modest stipend. To apply: please email resume, cover letter and 2 references to info@sagecenter.org. Application deadline is Wednesday, April 18.

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