**A. INTRODUCTION: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The University of California, Berkeley invites applications for a student fellowship opportunity related to the UC Global Food Initiative (GFI). This fellowship opportunity described below, will allow an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student from UC Berkeley to work on a project focused on “Food Pantries and Food Security.” (Two other fellowship opportunities posted on this website are focused on Experiential Learning and Leveraging Research for Policy. The application deadline is midnight on October 22, 2014.

**B. ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP**

**Brief Background on the UC Global Food Initiative Student Fellowship Program:** The overarching goal of the University of California Food Initiative is “to harness the resources of the University of California – its research, people, expertise, and tradition of public service – to put the world on a pathway to feed itself in ways that are nutritious and sustainable.” To engage students in this effort, the UC Office of the President announced the creation of the President’s Global Food Initiative (GFI) Student Fellowship Program. The program provides each campus with $7,500 to fund three (non-need-based) student awards of $2,500 each. These are intended for fellowships or internships on each campus. “This Student Fellowship Program is intended to build upon, expand and/or improve existing UC programs and activities, through the talent, passion, and creative capacities of students.” (UCOP, 2014)

**Summary of Student Fellowship/Internships at UC Berkeley:** At UC Berkeley, students will be engaged as interns in identifying effective practices in food systems in three areas – experiential learning, leveraging research for policy change, and food security – for which UC Berkeley is designated as a co-leader by UCOP. In these areas, UC Berkeley aims to contribute information, ideas and actions regarding effective practices. One student will be identified for each of these three areas. The students will contribute their perspectives, creative ideas, and expertise in collaboratively achieving these aims.

**Food Security/Food Pantries Fellowship:** This fellowship/internship recipient will have two primary responsibilities: (1) Research and summarize experiences in campuses in California and other states that have established effective measures to address food insecurity among students and staff; and (2) Play a key role in supporting the completion of future application processes for local, state, and national resources to support food security efforts at UC Berkeley. The specific responsibilities of the student will include:

- Participate in discussions with faculty and staff members and others involved in the GFI Subcommittee on Food Pantries (and Food Security), to assist with planning, document, report on progress of the subcommittee, and support the completion of support resources applications.
- Carry out research (by contacting people inside and/or outside the UC system) to identify and gather information about initiatives to address the challenges of food insecurity/hunger among students and staff.
- Compile and organize the information on these efforts, and lessons learned.
- Participate in discussions of effective practices for developing food pantries, and ideas about how to improve or increase such programs.

The expected outputs or deliverables are:

- Overview report of food security models across the UC system, including institutional efforts, programmatic efforts, student efforts, and community efforts. Emphasis will be given on best
practices, on-going challenges, and additional components as outlined by the GFI Subcommittee on Food Pantries.

- Strategic Plan and Process outlined for sustainable food security support at UC Berkeley. (This would involve support with the partnership process with the Alameda Community Food Bank and other similar food security support sources.)
- Interim progress updates would be expected every two or three weeks to supervisor.

Note: The lessons learned in this project will be shared with other university campuses, and may be shared with other stakeholders, to inform broader efforts. Identifying and documenting these effective practices will also contribute to expected outcomes of the Global Food Initiative.

**Funding and Timing:** This fellowship will provide $2,500 for the student selected. The funding will be administered as a stipend. A multidisciplinary committee will review applications, and announce decisions by November 17. The recipient will be expected to serve during the 2014-15 academic year, and will be expected to start this project in November of 2014, or as soon as possible after that. The student will work on the project 10-12 hours a week for 14-15 weeks. (Specific timing will be arranged with agreement of student recipient and supervisor.)

### C. ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be matriculated undergraduate or graduate students at UC Berkeley. Applicants should be aware that receipt of a fellowship may affect financial aid packages, if relevant. If you have a question about impact on financial aid, please discuss with your financial aid officer.

Qualifications for the fellowship are the following:

- Outstanding communication skills (oral and written).
- At least two years of experience in researching and/or organizing complex information
- Experience developing and implementing and analyzing results of surveys (using Google Doc, survey monkey, or other similar survey program).
- Experience with facilitation or coordination among diverse people and programs.
- At least two years of work experience and/or public service related to food or agriculture.
- Experience working on interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving.
- Creativity, innovation, and commitment demonstrated by the candidate.

### D. HOW TO APPLY

1. Applicants need to submit the following items **by midnight PST on October 22, 2014, through the online application system**. Data requested in the online form, including name, contact information (email address, mailing address, and phone), year of matriculation, and major advisor/professor.
2. Cover letter/summary that includes an overview of: a) Reasons for application for this fellowship; and b) Summary of experiences, skills, and/or education that you feel are most relevant. This summary cover letter should be no longer than 650 words. Please state in the cover letter that your application is for the **Food Pantries and Food Security Fellowship**.
3. Your resume (limit 2 pages)
4. Short letters from two references, and one of the references must be a professor or major advisor. (Each letter must be less than one page.)
Applications must be submitted electronically. For any technical questions about this online system, contact gradsys@berkeley.edu. For questions about the fellowship, contact Foodinstitute@berkeley.edu. View this announcement online here.