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 “Leveraging Research for Policy Change.” Two other fellowship opportunities posted on this website are focused on Food Pantries/Food Security and Experiential Learning. 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.

Leveraging Research for Policy Change Fellowship: This fellowship/internship recipient will help to compile a list and summary of experiences or examples in which research at UC Berkeley has been used for influencing policy change in food systems, and identifying lessons learned from those experiences. (The experiences may include research projects that respond to policy challenges or public needs identified by government agencies or stakeholders involved in food and agriculture decision-making.) The responsibilities of the student will include:

- Participate in discussions with faculty and staff members and others involved in the GFI Subcommittee on Leveraging Research for Policy change in food systems, to assist in planning, documenting, and reporting on progress of the subcommittee.
- Helping to identify key contact people in other UC campuses who are familiar with programs that link research with policy in food and agriculture systems on their campuses.
- Undertaking research by contacting relevant departments and centers, to identify information about initiatives to link research with policy at UC Berkeley in this field.
- Compile and organize the information on these efforts on the UC Berkeley campus.
- Participate in discussions regarding effective models for leveraging research with policy, and contribute ideas about how to improve or increase such programs.

The expected outputs or deliverables are:
• An overview of efforts to leverage research for policy change at UC Berkeley, summarized in a clear, accessible format (e.g., in spreadsheet or brief summary narratives), and preliminary information about such programs and activities from other campuses.
• A draft that illustrates key points and findings about effective models or promising practices for leveraging research with policy based on experiences in UCB and in other UC campuses.
• Possible other outputs that contribute to objectives of the Global Food Initiative, determined in collaboration with an internship supervisor.
• Interim progress updates to supervisor every two or three weeks, as arranged with supervisor.

Note: The lessons learned about effective ways to leverage research with policy will be shared with other university campuses. These lessons may also be shared with community members and other stakeholders, to inform local and regional food system policy. Identifying and documenting these effective models 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

Applicants need to submit the following items **by midnight PST on October 22, 2014, through the online application system.**

1. 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 Fellowship on Leveraging Research for Policy Change.
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.