

High Country Conservation Center- Sustainable Food Internship- 2025

Application Deadline: March 24, 2025

Job Title: Sustainable Food Intern

Job Type: Part-time, seasonal internship with hands-on farm work and training in organic food production

Hours: 25 wks, 8 hrs/wk, 200 hours for the season

Start/End Dates: Flexible; mid-April through mid-October; hours must be completed by October 15.

Location: Dillon and Frisco, Summit County, Colorado, elevation 9,000'

Program Summary

The High Country Conservation Center (HC3) is a community non-profit organization that promotes resource conservation in Summit County, CO. Programs include recycling and composting, climate action, energy conservation, water conservation, and sustainable food production. Food programs include: the Summit CSA (community supported agriculture), an urban farm specializing in organic food production; Grow to Share (GTS), a food donation program that minimizes food waste and provides produce and nutrition education to qualifying families; and community gardens, which offer resources for community members to grow their own food.

Training and Responsibilities

We're looking for enthusiastic and motivated interns who want to gain hands-on experience as organic growers and sustainable food entrepreneurs through programs that build and nourish our community. Interns will report to and work directly with the farmer to complete the day-to-day operations of the CSA and GTS programs.

Qualifications

- > Strong interest in environmental stewardship, sustainable agriculture, or local food production/systems.
- > Priority to those enrolled in an accredited education program and/or living in Summit County.
- > Previous gardening, greenhouse, restuarant or culinary experience is desired but not required.
- > Strong communication skills and willingness to ask questions.
- > Enjoy working outside with the ability to work in challenging weather conditions.
- Must be able to work early mornings, stand for prolonged periods, and perform repetitive tasks.
- ➤ Must be able to lift/carry 40 pounds.
- Must be reliable and punctual.
- > Valid drivers license preferred; reliable transportation to get to work on time is a must.

Position Information & Compensation

We allow flexibility for other jobs and class schedules. Internship hours will be broken down into 170 paid hours at \$15/hr. plus 30 hours of work share. The work share is farm work in exchange for half of a CSA share. After successful completion hours, interns will receive payment for their work. We require an intern memorandum of understanding (contract) upon hire. The intern will be a part-time employee of HC3.

Application Requirements

Send a cover letter highlighting sustainable food interests and résumé to Kyla at kyla.laplante@gmail.com.

Website for More Information: www.highcountryconservation.org