

CSU/EPA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT FORM

Completion of this form does not constitute a guarantee an intern will be placed with the EPA. CSU will conduct a risk assessment. EPA will work with the student and the CSU Faculty Advisor to complete a Learning Project Plan upon intern placement.

EPA Information:

Date	January 19, 2016
EPA Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Francisco: 75 Hawthorne Street <input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles: 600 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1460 <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego: 610 W. Ash St., Suite 905
Mentor Name	Wendi Shafir
Mentor Phone	415-972-3422
Mentor Email	shafir.wendi@epa.gov
Internship Location Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSU Office/Computer or Student Home/Computer <input type="checkbox"/> CSU Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Student Information:

Preferred CSU campus (<i>see map for locations</i>)	Fresno, San Francisco, and Chico
Preferred major(s)	Environmental studies, biology, marketing, communications, sociology, dietetics, public health
Preferred year of study (<i>junior, 2nd year master's student, etc.</i>)	Juniors, seniors, masters students
Additional requirements	<p>Preferred candidates will be highly self-motivated and demonstrate the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish and maintain effective working relationships; ▪ Communicate effectively both orally and in writing; & ▪ Analyze and resolve problems. <p>MUST BE ENROLLED AT A CSU CAMPUS AT LEAST HALF TIME, MAINTAIN A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.5 (UNLESS THE EPA PROJECT REQUIRES A HIGHER GPA), AND BE ENROLLED IN AN INTERNSHIP COURSE AT A CSU CAMPUS FOR THE SEMESTER YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNSHIP.</p>
Number of students requested	Up to 5
Requested material from student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume or Curriculum Vitae <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cover Letter explaining interest <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

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Project Title	Lead Coordinator of EPA On-Campus Food Waste Prevention Program
Project Description	<p>As the lead coordinator, you will be working with EPA and other key stakeholders to implement EPA food waste prevention programs on campus. The projects may include implementation of EPA's programs of the Food Recovery Challenge or Food Too Good To Waste; serving as a food waste prevention consultant to local food establishments, working to develop an organics composting program, or coordinating key stakeholders to develop a implementation plan to reduce food waste on campus.</p> <p>Food waste prevention and recovery is a priority for EPA. Nationally, food waste is the single largest type of waste going to landfills, and food production impacts water quality and soil productivity while contributing about 13 percent of domestic greenhouse gas emissions. When excess food is disposed of in a landfill, it decomposes and becomes a significant source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. A significant amount of this excess food doesn't have to be wasted; much of it is safe, wholesome food that could potentially feed millions of Americans or be composted into nutrient-rich soil amendment.</p> <p>The Food Recovery Challenge and food waste prevention is part of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of food and other widely-used everyday items through their entire life cycle, including how they are extracted, manufactured, distributed, used, reused, recycled, and disposed.</p>
Project Objectives and Deliverables <i>(note - student will need to complete a final report and a career profile on their EPA mentor)</i>	<p>The project objective is to advance food waste prevention and recovery efforts, as part of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program. Depending on the interests of the student and faculty, the focus of the food waste prevention project and deliverables will vary. Clear project objectives and expected deliverables will be established by the student and EPA mentor in the Learning Project Plan / Internship Agreement at the start of the project.</p>
Approximate Start / End Dates <i>(if ongoing, please state)</i>	1 semester (with a possible option to extend)

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Typical Hours <i>(which intern would be working)</i>	approximately 5-10 hours/week
Special Considerations <i>(e.g.: outdoor working conditions, ability to lift certain weight, access to computer, etc.)</i>	