Provost’s Sustainability Internship Program
Internship Description 2014-2015

Mentor’s (staff supervisor) name and department:
David Shaw, Kresge College

Position title: Kresge College Lecturer, Common Ground Center Co-Director

Please describe the role of the primary staff mentor:
I primarily teach undergraduate courses, Co-Direct the Common Ground Center, and serve as an advisor for these student groups: Kresge Garden Coop, The World Café, Take Back the Tap, Friends of the Community Agroecology Network, and Compassionate University Initiative. I also am a lecturer and faculty advisor for the Stevenson Community Garden and Colleges 9 & 10 Community Garden.

I will co-develop a work plan with the student intern, hold regular meetings with the student intern, and provide mentorship, access to institutional knowledge and networks, and continuity amongst PSIs from year to year.

Please provide a brief summary of your proposed internship (1-2 paragraphs)
Kresge College is involved in a multi year effort to place sustainability in the center of its social and academic goals. Specifically this means the launching of the Common Ground Center, and a series of initiatives stemming from it. These include a sustainability and social justice speaker series, workshops, sustainability focused residence hall (called the Kresge Ecovillage), undergraduate coursework, and more. The Center has a large base of community support from its existing programs in Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice, Transformative Action, The World Cafe and the Kresge Garden, as well as existing partnerships with civil society organizations promoting the values, principles and practices of Common Ground.

We would like to sponsor a Provost’s Sustainability Intern to primarily coordinate three aspects of our Center’s activities: being a liaison with other excellent organizations in campus sustainability, supporting our media and outreach, and being a co-coordinator of the Common Ground Student Board.

What identifiable product or result do you expect the intern to achieve by the end of their internship?

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The intern will have created the systems and processes necessary for making programs and events at the Common Ground Center sustainable. S/he will also have actively shaped the second year of the new sustainability oriented residential program at Kresge - the Ecovillage – and connected these residents with campus-wide sustainability efforts through Inter-Org, Earth Summit, Earth Week, and the Sustainability Spring Fest.

**Statement of Duties including % of time and description of duties:**

10% Meeting with their primary and secondary mentor
10% Partnership development and tending (for campus events such as Inter-Org, Earth Summit, Earth Week, and the Sustainability Spring Fest)
25% Planning and hosting curricular and co-curricular activities
20% Outreach with on and off campus media sources
5% Being a mentor to their peers
30% Student Board duties including grant writing

**What skills will this internship strengthen?**

Communication skills - interpersonal communication, writing, public speaking, facilitation, and use of social media; Journalism; Green event planning; Teaching / Mentorship; Scheduling; Organizational learning; Grant writing.

**What value does this internship have for your unit/department and for the campus as a whole?**

Kresge is basically an unendowed college within the UCSC campus. Our resources are very limited. However, we have been very active at placing social and environmental sustainability at the core of our mission and community. But we need help to supplement the dedicated efforts of our committed students and faculty (most of whom work most of the time without any compensation). This is why we are asking for you to fund our Provost’s Sustainability Intern this year. By helping Kresge continue its sustainability oriented efforts --including the biggest and best run student led garden on campus, the new Common Ground Center, the Ecovillage residential program, etc-- these interns will help set a model for student run efforts and student/staff/faculty collaborations on issues of sustainability.

**How will you evaluate your intern’s success?**

In addition to ongoing dialogue about the intern’s successes, challenges, and learnings, we will both participate in a quarterly written and oral evaluation process, involving both self-evaluation and evaluation of the Center and mentor, at the end of each quarter. The interns will regularly participate in the planning meetings of the Common Ground Center.

**What staff, other than you, will the student intern interact with regularly and in what capacity?**

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The intern will interact with the following staff in a limited capacity:
Kresge Provost (new Provost hired July 1st)
Kresge Provost’s Assistant
Kresge Budget Analyst
Kresge Programs Office
Kresge Maintenance Office

If there are any resources that the intern will need that your office cannot provide, please explain (i.e. computer, printer, key documents?)

None