



Farley Center Farm Incubator Internships

The Farley Center Farm Incubator offers two internships each semester for students and non-students who want to volunteer while gaining experience at a nonprofit that supports beginning organic farmers, particularly recent immigrants and people of color farmers.

Internships last one semester (January – May, May – August, September – December), and interns work 8 hours a week or a total of 160 hours per semester. Interns are unpaid, but we are happy to work with you to get academic credit for your internship. Interns should have a strong interest in agriculture. We particularly seek interns who speak Hmong, Spanish or Nepali.

We offer two internships:

Farm Intern – This intern works with the farm manager, helping make the Farley Center in Verona a place where farmers can achieve their farming dreams. Tasks will include helping with outdoor work, like cover cropping, mowing, fruit tree pruning, and equipment maintenance, as well as indoor work on events, workshops and farmer meetings.

Program Intern – These interns work with the project administrators, assisting with Madison-area and statewide farmer outreach and education. Tasks will include administrative work, phone calls, writing, document design, photography, video, sharing farmer training materials with other programs, and preparing for events.

Applicants should please send a resume and a short letter of application explaining their interest, describing how the internship will fit in with their education or life in general, and their proposed dates, to farleycenterfarm@gmail.com.

The Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability has created a farm incubator and an ecologically-sound and sustainable natural green burial grounds near Madison, Wisconsin. The Center is located on 43 acres of forest and farmland. Support from the USDA has allowed the Farley Center to create a variety of sustainable agriculture projects as part of the *Gaining Ground in Wisconsin* project. They include marketing and training for beginning farmers in Wisconsin, a farm incubator, and a land link service. Outreach and multilingual services make the programs accessible for farmers who are immigrants, minorities, or socially disadvantaged. Farley Center incubator farmers use organic practices to cultivate vegetable plots ranging from 1/8 acre to 3 acres. They share use of the land, tractors, implements, a farm cooler, wash area, irrigation, and a hoop house. You can read a recent article about the Farley Center Farm Incubator, and view photos, here: <http://www.nelson.wisc.edu/news/in-common/fall2011/story.php?s=1390>

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