

COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS (CFS) PRACTICUM DESCRIPTION

CORNELL FARMWORKER PROGRAM SUMMER INTERNSHIP

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2017

1. **Practicum Host Name:** Mary Jo Dudley
2. **Practicum Host Agency/Organization Description:** Cornell Farmworker Program
3. **Community Partner Supervisor & Faculty Advisor:** Mary Jo Dudley
4. **Student Responsibilities & Expectations:** (both on site and on-campus)
 - On-site: Cornell Farmworker Program Summer Internship research topics may include:
 - Conducting research to assess farmworker needs
 - Providing on-farm workshops including: English as a Second Language, Chemical Safety, and Planning for Emergencies
 - Surveying farmworker services and their usage
 - Examining farmworker perspectives on labor issues
 - Canvassing immigration concerns and developing relevant extension materials
 - Developing educational & training materials for farmworkers
 - On-campus: Regular check-ins via web conference or alternative venues with faculty advisor and other students completing a practicum (standard across all practicums).
Also, specific to the Cornell Farmworker Internship:
 - Students must attend the CFP orientation and all student meetings including mid-term and final check-ins. Students will be expected to attend weekly team meetings via phone over the summer.
 - Students are required to prepare posters and present summer research at the CFP Fall Intern Panel Presentation.
 - Interns will be strongly encouraged to enroll in DSOC 3060 in the fall following the practicum.
5. **Expected Learning Outcomes** By the end of this practicum, students will:
 - Substantially increase their abilities to conceptualize and discuss the challenges that farmworkers confront in their everyday lives, and how they overcome obstacles to their well-being.

- Construct a framework to understand contemporary issues within the farmworker community drawing from: farmworkers' perspectives articulated through CFP interviews or focus group discussions; student observations based on interactions with farmworkers (through summer internships experiences, tutoring farmworkers in English as a Second Language, and/or participation in CFP on-farm activities); and the literature on sociological research on farmworker concerns.
- Design and field test educational resources with farmworkers and farmers (optional).
- Synthesize what they learned through the CFP summer internship program and DSOC 3060 through the development and dissemination of academic posters/publications, guidebooks, videos, fact sheets or other relevant publications.
- Improve their communication skills, learn how to state their opinions, question their assumptions and tolerate differing opinions, through participating as members of working teams that develop extension materials targeted for farmworkers and their employers.

6. Location: various locations in Upstate NY

7. Pre-requisites:

- In addition to completing the Community Food Systems Minor Practicum Application, students interested in the Cornell Farmworker Program Internship practicum must also complete the Cornell Farmworker Program Internship application – for details, see website: www.farmworkers.cornell.edu
- Spanish language skills are helpful but not required.

8. Performance Evaluation Methods: Students will be assessed using a CFS Minor standard evaluation that will be tailored to each respective practicum; the assessment will address both the overall learning objectives for the practicum and site-specific outcomes. Site-specific outcomes for the Cornell Farmworker Program Summer Internship practicum will be established during orientation.