

**COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS (CFS) PRACTICUM DESCRIPTION**  
**SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FOOD JUSTICE AND THE FOOD SYSTEM**  
**GROUNDSWELL CENTER FOR LOCAL FOOD & FARMING**  
**2017**

- 1. Practicum Title:** Sustainable Agriculture, Food Justice and the Food System Internship
- 2. Practicum Host Name:** Groundswell Center for Local Food & Farming
- 3. Practicum Host Agency/Organization Description:** At the Groundswell Center for Local Food & Farming, we believe in the right of all people to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound methods. And we believe in food sovereignty – the right of people and communities to control their own food and agriculture systems. Our mission is to engage diverse learners and empower them with skills, knowledge and access to resources, so they can build sustainable land-based livelihoods and equitable local food systems. We help people become successful small-scale farmers and homestead food producers through practical, on-farm training. Our peer-to-peer networks build community and foster skills-sharing among farmers, homesteaders and “food citizens.”
- 4. Community Partner Supervisor & Faculty Advisor:** Elizabeth Gabriel, Director Groundswell Center
- 5. Student Responsibilities & Expectations:**
  - a. On-site:
    - assist with program coordination,
    - assist with developing a system for evaluation and implementing
    - assist with program marketing and promotions
    - attend community events or meetings as a Groundswell representative, occasionally 'staff' info table
    - Assist in the development of a farmers for justice beginning farmer curricula
    - As appropriate; assist in providing education to farmers and food system workers
  - b. On-campus:
    - Regular check-ins via web conference or alternative venues with faculty advisor and other students completing a practicum (standard across all practicums).
- 6. Expected Learning Outcomes:**
  - Gain insight into the ins and out of a non-profit, community based organization
  - Develop relationships with community members, farmers and food business entrepreneurs

- Enhance skills in program assessment and evaluation
- Increase knowledge about existing food justice and agriculture curricula
- Gain an understanding of resources, opportunities and barriers for beginning farmers

**7. Location:** Ithaca, NY with occasional regional travel (CarShare available)

**8. Pre-requisites:**

- Familiarity and care for food justice and building equitable food systems is a must
- Familiarity with sustainable agriculture and farming is a plus
- Good communication skills, follow-through, ability to work as a team and autonomous are required
- Comfort using an MacBook Laptop or use of a personal computer

**9. 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.