



**An Internship/volunteer Program to help the Latino Farmers Cooperative of Louisiana, Inc develops a community food system linking urban micro-farms/ community gardens to Central City, New Orleans residents.**

**Abstract:** Interns/volunteers work with LFCL's Farmers Incubator Project, urban farmers and community-based organizations to develop and to implement urban agricultural programs and social services.

Interns/volunteers have the opportunity to work with local businesses and nonprofit agencies, while building a valuable set of skills including team building, group decision making and time management. The internship program/volunteer time is a chance for individuals to gain job experience skills while positively impacting the community of Central City, New Orleans.

**Who We Are ?**

LFCL is a demand-driven, grassroots nonprofit organization of emerging farmers, enthusiastic gardeners and conscious consumers working together to provide access to farmland, resources, education and training so members can grow healthy food in urban farms, create entrepreneurship and address the socioeconomic issues of the Latino community in Louisiana.

**Where is Central City, New Orleans?**

Central City neighborhood is closed to downtown New Orleans bounded by Louisiana Ave/Toledano St. South Broad Ste, Earhart Blvd and St Charles Ave.

**What is Central City's history ?**

After the Civil War, many African-Americans settled in Louisiana due to the wealth from cotton fields. During the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, CC mirrored a smaller version of New York's Lower East Side in its cultural diversity and bustling commercial areas. By the 1970, CC experienced the severe decline and disinvestments that plagued many of the nation's other urban centers. Hurricane Katrina affected 75% of the 400 blocks.

**Understanding the Benefits of Urban Agriculture**

Gardening is about the community, health, ecology, entrepreneurial, and beautification. Community gardens bring people together. Local vegetable gardens generate fresh produce that is more nutritious than those in the supermarket and tastes better.

**Who Qualifies for the Internships?**

Newspaper Reporting - Web-design - Journalism - Public Administration - Public Relations - Sociology

Political Science - Latin American Studies  
Agriculture - Biological Sciences - Environmental Studies  
**Our Urban Agricultural Programs**

- Community Gardens/Micro Farms
- Poultry Production
- Cheese-making Workshops
- Cow-Share Club
- Access to Community Markets

**What we are looking for?**

You will work in multiple mini projects and spend time in a number of areas.

- Good interpersonal communication skills
- Able to work independently
- Able to complete task on time
- Self-motivated and eager to go the extra mile
- Organized and task-oriented

**What Are You Going to Do and Learn?**

The interns/volunteer will work with Latino urban emerging farmers, local community leaders, consumers, restaurants owners and stakeholders in developing educational, training and outreach activities. There also an opportunity to involve University students in capacity building and fundraising development.

**How Many Hours Do you Have to Work?**

We follow the requirements for each individual department/faculty to fulfill their credit hours. The



intern/volunteer will work aprox. 10 hours each week of the semester or a total of 140-150 hours during the semester.

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