SEED Wayne Fellowship in Community Food Systems Planning

What is the SEED Wayne Fellowship?
The SEED Wayne Fellowship aims to develop a cadre of graduate students with knowledge in community food systems, familiarity with the Detroit context, and basic competencies for community food sustainability and justice work. The Fellowship integrates classroom and engaged learning through a required course and an internship, both offered in partnership with community-based organizations.

What are the Fellowship’s goals?
The SEED Wayne Fellowship has three main goals:

- To increase students’ capacity to help grow local, sustainable, and just food systems in Detroit.
- To support community-based organizations engaged in sustainable and just food systems work through activities related to, among others, urban agriculture, healthy food retail in neighborhoods, community nutrition, food justice, and related policy and planning.
- To enhance community capacity related to sustainable and just food systems.

How is the Fellowship structured?
The Fellowship requires completion with a grade of B+ or better, of UP 5430, Cities and Food (winter semesters), and UP 7810, Internship in Community Food Systems Planning. UP 7810 matches students with a community organization on a pre-negotiated project and deliverable. The Fellowship awards up to $2,500 towards tuition and/or stipend for the Internship, subject to university rules and availability of funds.

Who is eligible?
Students in urban studies and planning, business, education, public health, public policy and administration, nutrition, and social and natural/environmental sciences are encouraged to apply. The Fellowship gives preferential consideration to applicants who: a) have previous volunteer or work experience in local food system-related work (such as urban agriculture, community nutrition, healthy food retail, anti-hunger, food policy, etc.); b) have at least five years of residency in the city of Detroit; and c) are currently enrolled in a professional degree such as urban planning, public health, social work, education, business, or law. Applicants must have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.

How do I Apply?
Applicants must submit a completed application along with a personal statement of interest (1-2 pages) in the SEED Wayne Fellowship in Community Food Systems Planning. Write k.pothukuchi@wayne.edu for an application. For information about SEED Wayne, browse www.clas.wayne.edu/seedwayne.

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